

COMMERCIAL ALBURY BRIDGE CLUB

FEBRUARY, 2019 NEWSLETTER

Can't help but mention the weather we have been experiencing and I am sure everyone is enjoying the respite of the past few days. Unfortunately it looks as though we are in for more extreme heat so do as they recommend and keep hydrated and find a cool spot. The Bridge room has been a good place to be lately!



Lots happening in the next few weeks for our Members.

First on the agenda is our AGM. Members who have yet to put their names down for this important Meeting should do so, and those who cannot attend should put their names down as non-attendees. We need at least 30 (financial) Members present to form a quorum so please try to attend. The Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 27th February at 4.30 pm. with drinks and nibbles following from 5pm onwards.

ANNUAL SUBS



Members who have yet to pay their Annual Subs are requested to do so as soon as possible. Subs have remained at \$25 and can be paid to any Committee Member at any session.

BRIDGE CLUB MEMBER SURVEY

A couple of months ago the Committee decided to modify the Bridgemates so that the opening lead on each Board could be recorded. This was introduced as a trial to gauge its usefulness and popularity. The Committee would now like your input as to whether you wish to have this procedure continued or not. Please indicate your preference on the Survey Form on the Whiteboard.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

On Monday evening, 18 March 2019, we will be holding another Under 25 MPs event. This will be held as a standalone Session with 2 Sections on that evening – an Open Section & U25 Section. So, all eligible U25 members will ONLY be playing against other similarly ranked Players. This will be a Green Point event with no additional prizes and might be repeated later in the year.

There will be a list on the Whiteboard of all Members NOT eligible for this event (The majority of our members have less than 25MPs, so easier to list the ineligible players!). If you have <25MPs, you can play in either Section, but all participants in the U25 section MUST have <25MPs! Entry list will also be on the Whiteboard.

INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE LESSONS!

We will be commencing **Intermediate Lessons** on Monday 04 March. The series will be for 6 weeks, with the Lessons starting at 5:00pm & finishing by 6:15pm – giving people time to get something to eat/drink before Bridge commences at 7:00pm!



The Beginners Lessons will be commencing after Easter (stay tuned), but the **Intermediate Lessons** will be aimed at Players with a little more experience and expectation. This is how we grade Bridge lessons: Beginners; Improvers; Transition; **Intermediate**; Advanced; Expert.

The **Intermediate Lessons** will include such topics as: Reverse Bids; Balancing Bids; 4th Suit Forcing; Suit Preference; Losing Trick Count; 2 Suited Overcalls; Roman Key Card, etc.

TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

Time to get your Teams together for our Teams Championship event which is being conducted over three weeks being Wednesday 6th, Wednesday 13th and Wednesday 20th March. There is an Entry Form on the Whiteboard for those keen to play in this very popular event.

NATIONWIDE PAIRS

Nationwide Pairs will be held on Wednesday, 13th February.

BIRTHDAYS

Members celebrating birthdays this month include Robin Manson, Jenny O'Mahoney, John Heuser, Janet Buckton, Mary Smith, Kath Thomas, Kath Tucker, Wendy Stanford, Coby Donders, Peter Westmoreland and Elain Ditchfield. Best wishes to all members celebrating birthdays, and in particular, congratulations go to Kath Tucker who is the first of our members celebrating a significant birthday this year.

