

COMMERCIAL ALBURY BRIDGE CLUB

OCTOBER, 2019 NEWSLETTER

With our Congress to look forward to best wishes go to all those who are playing, especially those Members who have entered for the first time. Also a reminder that there will be no Bridge session on Friday, 11th September.



SPRING PAIRS RESULTS

This very popular event on our calendar attracted 22 pairs and was played over three weeks with the results as follows:-

1. Jenny Stevens and Don Coysh with a score of 955.97
2. Noreen Grant and Zyg Roberts with a score of 939.90
3. Mary Prowse and Richard Harman with a score of 937.28

Congratulations go to you all on your terrific results and I'm sure that those who didn't exceed their expectations will be back again next year having another go - it's a very addictive game!!!

NATIONWIDE PAIRS

Could be four days of Bridge in a row for some members as the date for this month's Nationwide Pairs is Monday, 14th October. Not for the faint-hearted.



VALE MAGGIE BROWN – RICHARD HARMAN

With the passing of a local bridge doyen comes the opportunity to celebrate their achievements over a sustained period. Maggie was an ornament to the game in our Area and was a teacher for decades in many centres in the region, including Wangaratta; Albury; Yarrawonga; Benalla etc.

I was aware of Maggie before Ruth & I moved here, after having a conversation with some fellow participants at the Summer Festival of Bridge in early 2012. They gave me Maggie's number & said that she might be looking for a Partner as her current colleague, John Nankervis, could be moving away soon. As it transpired, John didn't move North for a few years, so that's when I was fortunate enough to team up with Mary Prowse & Val Sanderson.

Maggie moved to Australia in the late 60s with her Husband and 2 daughters. Maggie & Val Sanderson met in the mid-70s & decided to learn bridge with a lady who was teaching bridge in Wangaratta. The bug bit hard! Maggie & Val started travelling to various places to learn as much as they could – especially if Ron Klinger was teaching somewhere! They played as much as possible & Maggie started teaching as well as playing.

As you know, Val Sanderson is still playing 40+ years later! Maggie conducted lessons all over our Region & when she started Bridge Lessons in Yarrawonga in 1981, Jan Hackett was an avid student. It is testament to her teaching prowess that 6 of those Yarrawonga students are still playing today!

Maggie has passed but her legacy will endure for many years.

WHAT ARE TEAMS OF 3? – RICHARD HARMAN

The Committee has approved such an event, date to be advised (probably on a Saturday). Every Team is led by an Experienced Player (Expert) & then 3 players are allocated to each Team. So, we have the Expert & **3 other players** – hence the name, **Teams of 3**. Each of the 3 Players will then get a chance to play with the Expert & benefit from their experience.

In our Club, the Expert would be from a pool who are Grand Master or Life Master, eg. Val Sanderson, Zyg Roberts, Jenny Stevens, Beryl Stean etc. Any Player interested in participating would nominate (via a List) and then the Organiser would allocate a Player to a Team. Each player would be advised which team they are playing with & the Team would then meet with their Expert for guidance and advice.

The Expert would play at least 1 Match with each of the other 3 players in the Team, with time for scoring and discussion. We would also have a lunch break and hand record for further analysis. Stay tuned for further notice!

BIRTHDAYS

Only three Members celebrating birthdays this month - congratulations and best wishes go to Cindy Smith, Dawn Ellis and Yours Truly.

