

COMMERCIAL ALBURY BRIDGE CLUB

JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

I hope that everyone had a happy time over Christmas with family and friends and best wishes to you all for good health, happiness and enjoyable Bridge for the coming year.

A reminder that Member's Annual Subs of \$30.00 is due by the 31st January and this can be paid to either our Treasurer or any Committee Member present at any Bridge session you attend this month.

Another reminder that our AGM is to be held on February 26th along with a call for interested members to nominate for the Committee for 2020.

NATIONWIDE PAIRS

The date for this month's Nationwide Pairs is Monday, 20th January.

70% CLUB

Congratulations go to Zyg Roberts and John Friesen for achieving 70.03% on Monday, 9th December.



BRIDGE ETIQUETTE

Four of our Members attended a Directors Course at Wagga in November and the Director gave Ann several Flyers on Bridge Etiquette from Sydney Bridge Centre, the first of which, entitled Ten Basic Rules of Bridge Etiquette, I am including in this Newsletter (next page) and will then continue to include them all for our information and notice.

BIRTHDAYS

Members celebrating birthdays this month include Jill Scott, Marg McClure, Gerry Voll, Isobel Barton, Shirley Spilsbury, Kim Kielbasa, Jean Sparks, David Brown, Lois Nicholson, Beryl Goring, Betty Loorham, Sue Miller and Wendy Blake. Happiest of days to you all.



TEN BASIC RULES OF BRIDGE ETIQUETTE

1. **BE NICE, SMILE**No matter how well or poorly you play bridge, you are an Ambassador for the game. You can drive people away or you can make them love itwe need people.
2. **DON'T GLOAT** ...Don't compliment yourself on a bid or the play of the hand until the opponents leave the table. Also, don't thank an opponent for a good board or a trick you shouldn't get.....this makes people feel bad and makes you look like a jerk.
3. **DON'T GIVE LESSONS TO ANYONE AT THE TABLE**.....If your opponent or partner wants to know what they did wrong or how to better play or bid a hand they will ask.
4. **LEARN NOT TO GET OFFENDED WHEN A DIRECTOR IS CALLED ON YOU**.... This is part of the game. The director is there to protect everyone and especially the integrity of the game.
5. **DON'T TELL OPPONENTS OR WINNERS HOW LUCKY THEY ARE**.....don't undermine their successes. You only make yourself look like a poor loser and a poor sport...be gracious.
6. **KEEP YOUR VOICE EVEN AND THE GESTURES CONSISTENT WHEN BIDDING OR PLAYING THE CARDS**Don't snap your cards or make any unusual movements to get your point across...be ethical.
7. **WHEN ON LEAD AGAINST A CONTRACT**..... **LEAD** and then write down the contract on your scorecard...same thing for dummy, lay your hands down and then write down the contract.
8. **DON'T DISCUSS THE HANDS UNTIL THE ROUND IS OVER**.....this takes time and it is rude.
9. **HELP THE DIRECTOR**.....his/her job is tough enough without you adding to their problems.
10. **DON'T MAKE DECISIONS THAT THE DIRECTOR SHOULD BE MAKING**.....even if you know the rule.