



Table Talk

An occasional newsletter of the Hunters Hill Bridge Club – December 2018

Committee 2019

At the Annual General Meeting of the Club held on Wednesday 14 November 2018, the following Committee was elected for 2019 –

President	:	Bob Ternes
Vice-President	:	Carol Sheldrake
Secretary	:	Kathie De Palo
Treasurer	:	Bob Allen
Committee	:	Linda Allen Helen Sharwood Fiona Templeton Helen Hobbs Geoff Lawson Ross Templeton

The Club extends its thanks to Diane Connors and Iain Clark, who did not stand for re-election, for their significant contribution to the Club as members of the Committee for the past few years.

We welcome Helen Sharwood and Fiona Templeton to the Committee and trust that they will find the task both satisfying and rewarding.

Financial Result 2018

The Club is in a strong financial position with net cash assets of \$115,211 as at 30 September 2018 including \$80,000 lodged on Term Deposits with Westpac Banking Corporation.

The Club traded at a profit of \$20,415 during the Club's financial year compared to a loss of \$1,306 in the previous year.

As at 30 September 2018 the Club had 320 members compared to 337 members in the previous year.

Sessions conducted by the Club during the financial year were attended by 10,282 players compared to 10,847 players in the previous year. Nearly half of the decrease in numbers can be attributed to the Tuesday night session which seems to have little appeal to members of the Club. The Committee is considering various options to increase the popularity of this session.

Major Events 2018

This year's major events have now been completed and the winners were -

Carolyn Molloy Pairs	:	Tim Cregan Brian Jacobson
Clare Trophy	:	Charles Fisher
Club Pairs Championship	:	Marlene Watts Jessica Brake
Club Teams Championship	:	Kathie De Palo Carol Sheldrake Henry Chu Dave Mahadevan
Hunters Hill Cup	:	Tim Cregan Charles Fisher
John Fisher Award	:	Robyn Burt
Annie Greenside Cup	:	Betty Priestley Tim Cregan Charles Fisher Brian Jacobson

Friday Teams : Ron Fitzgerald
Patricia Whitton
Parveen Rayani
Shantu Korathota

Congratulations to all our winners.

New Members

We are pleased to report that 13 new members have joined the Club between 1 October 2018 and 30 November 2018. They are –

Mary Devine	Wing Roberts
Mick McAuliffe	Cheryl Barrett
Fiona Fawcett	Le Thuan
Paul Noone	Peter Bardos
Rosalie David	John Brennan
Vesna and Munib Karavdic	Gladys Kifley

The Club welcomes these new members enthusiastically and we trust that they will enjoy playing bridge in our beautiful Clubhouse and make many new friends.

When you meet any of these new members please give them a very warm welcome to our Club.

Rank Promotions

The following rank promotions have recently been announced –

<u>Name</u>	<u>Masterpoints</u>	<u>Previous Rank</u>	<u>New Rank</u>
Rowan Friend	6.57	Graduate	Club
Murray Harper	35.66	*Local	**Local
Roz Tindall	35.64	*Local	**Local
Henry Chu	503.07	Bronze Life	Silver Life
Paula Nigem	50.14	**Local	Regional
Geoff Rowell	50.26	**Local	Regional

We congratulate these members on their promotions.

Annual Subscriptions 2018/19

The Annual Subscription of \$40 for 2018/19 is now overdue.

If you have not yet paid then you should do so immediately.

If you have not paid by 1 January 2019 then your name will not appear in the 2019 Membership and Events Booklet. You will also be required to pay the Visitor Fee of \$12 when attending any Club sessions in 2019.

If you are in any doubt as to whether you have paid the current year's subscription, you should contact our Membership Secretary, Linda Allen.

Tuesday Night Session

Over the past year we have witnessed a serious reduction in the number of members attending our Tuesday night session which commences at 7pm and concludes at approximately 10.15pm.

Whilst this session used to be regarded as being for the elite players of the Club, this is no longer the case. The Tuesday night session is now a very relaxed, friendly game of bridge under the supervision of Eric Lam.

So organise a table or a friend and come along on Tuesday night for a very enjoyable game of bridge – you will be so glad you did!

Nametags

During the year our Membership Secretary, Linda Allen, spent many hours preparing nametags for each of our 320 members in response to a request from some of our new members who felt that nametags would help them to meet other members and integrate into the Club more easily.

Unfortunately, many members are failing to wear their nametags – even if you have been a member for a long time, there are many new members who do not know you but would like to be able to greet you by name.

All members are requested to wear their nametags at every Club session.

The John Fisher Award

This Award was established in 1994 and was designed for frequent attendees at the Club's ordinary events. The Award goes to the member with State (*) status or below on 1 October who earns the most green points in Club events during the subsequent year.

As well as the winner's name appearing on the Honour Board, the Committee has determined that from 2017/18, a prize of \$100 will be given to the winner.

To raise awareness of, and interest in, this Award it is planned to publish progressive scores in future editions of "Table Talk"

The Committee wishes members a very happy Christmas and a healthy, peaceful New Year.