



Table Talk

An occasional newsletter of the Hunters Hill Bridge Club – March 2019

Coming Club Events

In the next three months the Club will be conducting a number of exciting and challenging events, including –

- On Monday 25 March a new Club pairs event will be held in two sections -
(a) Restricted Group where players must each have less than 200 masterpoints;
(b) Novice Group where players must each have less than 50 masterpoints.

This is a red point event and the outright winners must be financial members of the Club at the commencement of the event;

- On Tuesday nights 2, 9 and 16 April the State Mixed Pairs Qualifying event will be played. This is a red point event and a surcharge of \$2 per person per session applies. The event requires a minimum of 12 pairs; otherwise it will be cancelled. This is a walk-in event and there will be no side game available;
- On Friday 12 April the Easter Pairs will be held. This is a red point walk-in event;
- On Wednesday 1, 8 and 15 May the State Open Teams Qualifying event will be played. This is a red point event and teams must register at the Club or online not later than 24 April. The entry fee of \$140 per team is payable at the first session. It is necessary for a minimum of 6 teams to contest the event; otherwise it will be cancelled;
- On Friday 3 and 10 May the Autumn Pairs will be played. This is a bonus green point event;

- On Tuesday nights 14, 21 and 28 May the State Open Teams Qualifying event will be played. This is a red point event and teams must register at the Club or online not later than 7 May. The entry fee of \$140 per team is payable at the first session. It is necessary for a minimum of 6 teams to contest the event; otherwise it will be cancelled;
- On Monday 27 May, 3 June and 17 June the prestigious Hunters Hill Cup event will be played. This is a red point event and the winners must be financial Club members at the commencement of the event.

Anita Curtis Workshop

The first of the Workshops conducted by Anita Curtis was held in February with thirty-two keen members in attendance. They found Anita to be a very engaging personality with an appealing delivery style.

Anita's second Workshop will be held on Wednesday March 13 commencing at 10am and concluding at 12 noon. The cost is \$15 payable on the day. The topic of the Workshop will be "Win the bidding in competition. Improve your competitive decision making". This is sure to be a popular Workshop.

It is essential to register for this Workshop so that Anita can prepare notes and material for all attendees. Registration can be effected by signing the form on the notice board or by ringing Linda Allen on 0410 785 202.

Registrations close on Monday 11 March.

The John Fisher Award

The annual competition for the John Fisher Award is automatically open to all members at or below State (*) status at the beginning of the year (which runs from 1 October for this purpose) and is awarded to the member who earns the most green points in Club events held during the year.

At the end of January 2019 the leaders in this important competition were –

Helen Hobbs	3.15 green points
Robyn Burt	2.75 green points
Hamid Naderi	2.62 green points
Jan Munster	2.57 green points
Leo Fernandes	2.30 green points

Vale Robyn Caldwell

It is with great regret that we note the death of Robyn Caldwell on 22 December 2018 aged 84 years. Robyn was predeceased by her husband, Max and her daughter, Louise. She is survived by her son,

Peter and five grandchildren. Robyn had been a member of the Club for many years and an enthusiastic player. She won the Clare Trophy in 2006.

New Members

For a variety of reasons, we had a large number of resignations from the Club last October so it is especially pleasing to welcome the following new members to the Club –

Peter Boulton	Kaaren Croke
Ahmad Geybi	Ritchie Lees
Pamela Lees	Bob McMicking
Barry Mortimer	Jo Mortimer
Margaret Reavell	Patricia Roberts
Elizabeth Rowe	Ralph Woods
Petina Young Lee	

We trust that you enjoy your bridge in our beautiful premises and experience the friendly and welcoming atmosphere of our Club.

Rank Promotions

The following rank promotions have recently been announced –

Name	Masterpoints	Previous Rank	New Rank
Penny Daven	6.24	Graduate	Club
Philippa Allison	15.48	Club	Local
Vera Forsdick	16.57	Club	Local
Herman Smit	15.2	Club	Local
Betty Kwan	25.33	Local	*Local
Lorenzo Orsini	35.53	*Local	**Local
Hamid Naderi	76.17	Regional	State
Kim Daven	15.04	Club	Local
Marian Johnston	25.24	Local	*Local
Robert Gemmell	25.62	Local	*Local
Peter Messinesi	25.8	Local	*Local
Wendy Hawker	50.08	**Local	Regional
Paula Nigem	56.78	Regional	State
Gloria Jenkyn	74.73	Regional	State
Mitch Dowling	214.06	National	*National
Parveen Rayani	407.88	Life	Bronze Life
Lyn Mallesch	503.26	Bronze Life	Silver Life

We congratulate these members on their promotions.

Partner Finder

If you are looking for a partner for any session at the Club, you can always ask our friendly Partner Finders to assist you. The more notice that you can give them the more chance they will have to find you a suitable partner. Where possible it is preferred if you send a text message to the relevant Partner Finder.

The Partner Finders for 2019 are –

Monday	Pat Ayres	9436 2740
Tuesday	Di Connors	0439 000 133
Wednesday	Fiona Templeton	0418 961 017
Friday	Helen Sharwood	0425 777 550

If you haven't played for some period of time because you don't have a partner, then this is your opportunity to come back to competitive bridge. Contact your Partner Finder now and make full use of your membership of the Club.

Beginners' Lessons

Carol Sheldrake will be commencing a new series of introductory lessons for beginners early in April. The cost of the lessons is \$120 which includes course materials and light refreshments at each session.

This is the major avenue by which the Club is able to obtain new members. Without a constant influx of new members the Club will cease to be the dynamic, flourishing entity that it is today. So, encourage your family, friends, acquaintances and neighbours to take up the challenge of this great game at our Club. They will thank you for your encouragement and support.

For further information contact Carol Sheldrake at csheldrake@bigpond.com or phone 0438 619 780.

Monday Winners

The winners for the past two months of Peter Gill's award for "Best of the Month" have been –

January - Vicki Bishop and Jeni Smith;

February - Leo Fernandes and Gladys Kifley

This is a difficult prize to win as you are competing against more than forty pairs over a four week period.

Congratulations to our winners.

The Director's Lament

Important things for all players to keep in mind –

- Players are required to be seated at their table at least ten (10) minutes before the advertised start of play to enable the Director to determine what movement will be played and how many boards will be required;
- All players are required to have a fully completed and current Systems Card at all competitive sessions;
- All players should wear their nametags whenever they are at the Club. There are many members who do not know who YOU are.