



Table Talk

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

Hunters Hill Bridge Club Congress 2019

The annual Club Congress was held on Sunday 8 September 2019 with 42 teams participating in three divisions under the expert directorship of John McIlwrath. There were 30 teams in the Open Division, 7 teams in the Restricted Division and 5 teams in the Novice Division.

The Congress Convenor was Geoff Lawson who did an exceptional job in organising every aspect of the Congress to ensure that it was both a social and a financial success. Fiona Templeton and her team were responsible for the catering arrangements and they made sure that there was an abundance of food available for the players at all times. Many members went to great trouble to prepare and donate cakes, scones, muffins and cheese plates for the occasion and the Committee extends its gratitude and thanks for their contribution to the overall success of the event.

Many participants expressed their appreciation to the Club for the excellent day which they had experienced, for the delicious food, the friendly atmosphere and the efficiency and cheerfulness of our caddies.

The winners of the 3 divisions were –

Open Division

Maurits Van Der Vlugt, Susan Humphries, Liam Milne and Tony Nunn

Restricted Division (each player less than 300MP)

Vicky Cahill, Ken Cahill, Teresa Wilson and Paul Roach

Novice Division (each player less than 100MP)

Debra Cohen, John Henderson, Robert Stammel and Claire Stammel

The Annie Grenside Cup for the best unplaced Hunters Hill team was won by

Charles Fisher, Betty Priestley, Tim Cregan and Mitch Dowling

The Committee wishes to thank all the players for their support of this important event in the Club's calendar and hopes to see many more participants in 2020, particularly in the Restricted and Novice Divisions.

Future Club Events

The following Club events are planned for the next three months –

September

- The Club Teams Championships will be held over three weeks on Monday 16, 23, and 30 September. Whilst nominations for this event have now closed, members are reminded that there will be a side game each week.

October

- The Labour Day Pairs will be held on Tuesday October 8. This is a red point event. No registration is required.
- On Monday 28 October there will be a special red point event in two divisions open to financial members of the Club only. The Restricted Division will be for those players with less than 200MP and the Novice Division will be limited to members with less than 50MP. This is a walk-in event. A side game will be available for other players not participating in the Restricted or Novice Divisions

November

- The Clare Trophy will be held on Monday 11 November. This is one of the Club's longest running events and nominations close on Monday 4 November.
- The Club Pairs Championships will be held on Wednesday 6, 13 and 20 November. This is a red point event limited to members of the Club at the start of the event.

Recent Winners

The winners of recent major events conducted by the Club include –

Hunters Hill Cup

Bina Kassam and Margaret Gidley-Baird

The Deb Bennet under 100MP Pairs

Angela Mayhew and Peter Mayhew

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Lyn Mallesch, Joseph So, Kathie De Palo and Carol Sheldrake

Friday August Pairs

North/South Winners : Marlene Watts and Peter Gill

East/West Winners : Ahmed Geybi and Frank Morrison

Congratulations to all our winners including the winners of our weekly events.

Melbourne Cup Day Session

Members are reminded that there will be no bridge session on Melbourne Cup Day, Tuesday 5 November.

New Members

The following 15 new members have recently joined our Club. We welcome them and wish them every success and happiness at our Club.

Joan Brewin	Milan Djukanovic
Louise Francis	Sally Gaunt
Ian George	Catherine Goswell
Kaye Johnstone	Tim Mainprize
Paul Pilowsky	Arthur Ramer
Keith Reichman	Peter Rigg
Digby Stewart	Penny Trickett
Allan Wiedenbein	

Library Additions

Members are reminded that the Club has an extensive library of bridge books which are available for loan.

The library has recently acquired the following books which may be of interest to members-

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
Better Balanced Bidding	Jackson & Klinger
Test Your Card Play 5	Kelsey
5 Card Major Stayman for Standard American Players	Klinger
Bid Better Much Better	Klinger
Practical Slam Bidding	Klinger

Annual General Meeting

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 November commencing at 3.45pm. Members are encouraged to attend this meeting and participate in the affairs of the Club. Nominations for any position on the Committee will be available for completion by interested members in the month prior to the meeting.

The John Fisher Award

With the competition finishing on Monday 30 September, the leading contenders at the end of August for the 2019 John Fisher Award are –

Wendy Merrington	7.73 points
Robyn Burt	7.22 points
Richard Sheldrake	7.06 points
Helen Hobbs	7.01 points
Sarah Kelsey	6.90 points

Members will be watching the last month of this event with great interest.

Christmas Party

The Club's Christmas Party is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 11 December commencing at 2.45pm. The bridge Session will commence at 11am and will include the Presentation of Trophies to the major event winners during 2019.

Members will be required to confirm attendance at the Christmas party by completing their nomination on the Club Notice Board in due course. Nominations must be received by the Club not later than 5pm on Wednesday 4 December 2019 so that final numbers may be communicated to the caterer.

A sumptuous two-course meal accompanied by wine, beer and soft drinks will be provided at this greatly anticipated event which is complementary to all financial members of the Club.

Lesson by Anita Curtis

The next lesson in the current series by Anita Curtis will be held on Wednesday 25 September commencing at 10am. The topic for this workshop, which is suitable for anyone who plays in Open Duplicate competitions, is "Better Bidding Judgment". The cost is \$15 payable on the day.

Attendees are required to indicate their intention to participate by signing the list on the Club Notice Board or by advising Bob Ternes by email to bobternes@bigpond.com or telephone 0419 488 701 not later than Friday 20 September.

As Anita spends considerable time preparing boards and organising material, it would be appreciated if you would advise Bob Ternes if you are unable to attend for any reason after previously registering your intention to be present. The Club is required to pay Anita the attendance fee for any member who accepts the invitation to attend and subsequently fails to be present without any notification.

Rank Promotions

We congratulate the following members on their recent rank promotion -

Name	Masterpoints	Previous Rank	New Rank
Warwick Smith	27.75	Local	* Local
Christine Muller	36.85	*Local	**Local
Beverley Morgan	50.5	**Local	Regional
Vanessa Rivers	163.83	State	*State
Lyn Gerathy	25.11	Local	*Local
Venie Parsons-Mason	25.03	Local	*Local
Le Thuan	2.46		Graduate
Jean Emmerson	25.63	Local	*Local
Wendy Merrington	25.37	Local	*Local
Jenny Wiedenbein	25.66	Local	*Local
Barry Jago	37.53	*Local	**Local
Carolyn Hartcher	184.3	State	*State
Jan Munster	244.38	*State	National
Kathie De Palo	501.43	Bronze Life	Silver Life

