

Victoria Bridge Club Inc.



Newsletter – November-December 2017

From the President- Pat Knight

Christmas will soon be upon us and with it the usual mad festivities. Our Christmas dinner is well on the way, and thanks to members for their support, we have a full house.

It is with sadness we say farewell to Peter Olsen, who did so much for the Club, over many years. We have also heard that Lois Bush who played mainly on a Thursday afternoon passed away recently.

Our Recruiting and Retention Sub-Committee are busy finding better ways to attract and enroll new Bridge Players and encouraging more of our members to play regularly.

We thank all our Interclub Teams for their support in promoting Victoria Bridge Club.

Congratulations to our **Intermediate Team** - Marilyn Goddard, Anne Patterson, Derek Gill, Warren Young and Nat Dunning for winning the plate.

Best Wishes to you all for a Very Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

Email Tree

The email tree has been set up for every session so if you need a partner this could be an easier way other than calling on the Convenor. With the new programme books coming out soon this could be a good way to add someone new to your programme to play next year.

Lessons

Beginner classes will be starting later next year from 2 May – 4 July 2018. We will be needing mentors so keep sometime free for that time in order to give the newbies lots of help and encouragement.

Gladys Palmer Teams

Congratulations to Joan McCarthy's team, the winners of this event. Next year, we would like to have more than ten teams. This event is only played once a month on a Thursday evening and finishes relatively early, so you get a chance to talk about the hands played over a glass of wine. This is an opportune time to mix with other members. There is a handicap system in place, which helps the junior members. Please give it some thought and get a team ready for March 2018.



This is to remind members that the Christmas Dinner is on Friday, **8 December** starting at 7:00pm (the cost being \$60.00 per person).

Members are asked to collect (and pay for!) their tickets in advance, as there will not be provision for "gate sales" on the night.

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♠ Congratulations to the following members' ♠

October Session Winners

Monday	Tinakori Ladder	1 st Judy Simpson; 2 nd Helen Shaw
Tuesday	Wilkinson Individual	1 st Don Dalgliesh; 2 nd John Hall
Wednesday	Karori Individual	1 st John Pearson; 2 nd Kim Livingstone
Thursday	October Pairs	John Hall & Ann Tyrie

November Session Winners

Monday	Hyams Pairs	Pauline Swann & Ngaire Williams
Tuesday	Stohr Pairs	Val Cooper & Margot Davenport
Wednesday	Hutt Pairs	
Thursday	November Pairs	Val Cooper & Christina Mander

Thursday Evening Gladys Palmer Teams Championship & Handicap

Joan McCarthy, Alex Drummond, Gayle Cullwick, Rosa Mishkin, Mary Jane Farrell

Thursday Afternoon - Club Open Pairs Robyn Freeman-Greene & Dinnie Hall

Tuesday Wellesley Pairs (Handicap) Kim Livingstone & Derek Gill

♠ October Tournament Winners ♠

Paraparaumu Bridge Club – Multigrade

Barbara Leach & (Ruth Brucker) 3rd place

◆ New Members ◆

We extend a very warm welcome to, Denise Marten and Suzanne de Vere

◆ Club Events Coming Up ◆

The popular “bring a plate” **Christmas luncheon** will be held on **Thursday, 7 December** (commencing at 11:30 a.m.), at a cost of \$10 per person. Everyone is most welcome to attend this event (and you do not have to be a “regular” Thursday afternoon player to join in).

Christmas Drinks will also be served in conjunction with the regular Club sessions on **Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December** (these dates all being provided for in our bar licence).

The usual \$7 table money will apply and it would be appreciated if members could bring a plate of nibbles with them to share. (During the preceding week’s session’s members will be asked – via a show of hands – to indicate whether they would like drinks to be served before or after play).

Other Events

Saturday 9 December 2017
27-29 December 2017

Christmas Cheer Tournament at Wellington Bridge Club
Suzanne Duncan Pairs at Wellington Bridge Club

Full details of all these events are available on the Club’s notice board

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REMINDER

Individual Open Pairs (Tuesday) 9th, 16th, & 23rd of January 2018

To avoid even a hint of 'Bridge Withdrawal Symptom's' book this series in **NOW** for next year
All players welcome

Session prizes for the winners and the top Junior/Novice pair

'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year' to you all

