

Alert!

The Bendigo Bridge Club Inc

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November 2018

We've had a very positive response to our newsletter, "Alert!". Here's the next one! If you have not supplied an email address, a few copies will be available at the LGCC and Croquet Club room.



Christmas lunch/awards



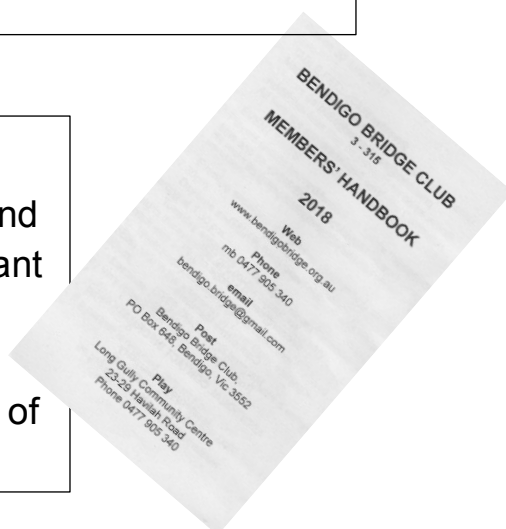
We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas lunch on Tuesday 18 December!

Our organisers need to know numbers by Monday 10 December. They would also like to know how many might be interested in a brief Novelty Bridge session to follow the lunch. Lorraine Griffiths has run these events in the past and has agreed to do so again.

When you pay your money for the lunch, please say whether or not you'll stay on for the bridge. It will be an individual event (no partner pre-specified).

Your contact details

Now's the time to check the current Handbook and make sure your phone number is the one you want to appear in next year's version! If not, please email Denis Upsall with the correction at secretary@bendigobridge.org.au before the end of November.

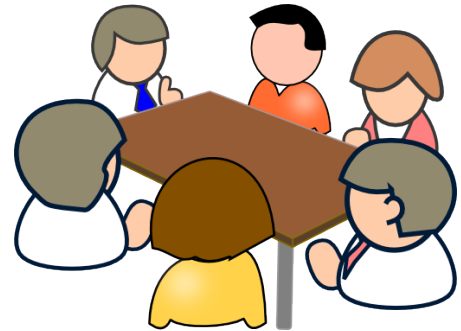


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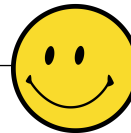
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Committee changes

Ken Simpson resigned from the Committee and from the position of Club Director at the start of the month. He has been Club Director for over two years, seeing the role evolve dramatically. We thank him for all his work, wish him well, and look forward to his return to play in the new year.



As per the Constitution, this is a “casual vacancy”, to be filled by co-option by the remaining Committee. We’re delighted to say that Paul O’Hare has agreed to take on the role. Paul is already an Ordinary Committee Member, so he’s familiar with the issues, and he will be supported by Peter Goddard in some of the inevitable learning curve.



Supporting our volunteers

As you know, the Club is run by its members. Many have, and continue to, put in an enormous amount of effort to make it run smoothly. The only monetary concession to anybody is that the session Director's table fees are waived – and we can assure you that that is not actually an inducement!

On Friday 2nd November, none of our regular directors was available. Ken ran the session, using travellers and making the best of things rather than turning people away at the door. Some people were apparently quite loud in their complaints about it being “not being good enough”..... (note: Ken did not complain about this treatment, or even mention it)

PLEASE – put yourself in our volunteers’ shoes, and support their efforts.

Update – Peter Marley .. Improver Lessons

Peter Marley’s ‘Improver’ lessons were successfully completed in November with 15 people attending over the 4 weeks!

PIZZA Sundays



Match Committee are going to trial Pizza Sundays next year, 4-8pm on the last Sunday of February, March and April, with pizzas about 6.30pm. It will be a green point event. Cost has not been decided yet but possibly \$15 inclusive of table fees and pizza.

Put it in your diary now! The event will only continue after the trial if enough interest is shown by members. More later

Interested in Directing?

Reminder - There is a course for Directors at VBA on Australia Day, **Saturday 26 January 2019**. This is an intensive, one-day course run by Laurie Kelso. The club subsidises the cost of the course.

Meanwhile - The education sub-committee is examining the possibility of running a club directors' short course (say, 4-5 sessions over as many weeks) in Bendigo early in 2019. Stay tuned for further developments

You need to pass an open book exam to become a qualified club director.

Please let Paul O'Hare know if you are interested in becoming a club director so that we can plan training sessions accordingly.

GNOT qualifier gold points



You've been asking – and they're here at last.
Look-up your masterpoints here:

<http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au/myawards.asp>

A total of 94 gold points were shared by 58 of our members. For some of our newer members these will be their very first gold points. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the GNOT heats!

Accredited teaching

Congratulations to Kerry Delcourt, who - some years ago - qualified as an ABF Accredited Bridge Teacher (but ABF didn't tell us!). This makes our Club an ABF Accredited Teaching Club – the certificate is on display.

Wanted - Newsletter Editor

This newsletter **Alert!** will be emailed to members from time-to-time to:

- report Committee proceedings,
- seek assistance with the tasks ahead of us ,
- alert members to future events.

The committee STILL wishes to hear from a member who would like to edit the newsletter.

The role of the Editor is to

- receive material from various contributors for inclusion in the newsletter,
- prepare the document in the approved style and format (*currently Microsoft Word – as a docx file*),
- send a final draft to the President for approval.

The Secretary will do the emailing and copies will be made available on the website and at playing sessions.

If you have Microsoft Word skills and are keen to assist with club communications, please call or text Rod Smyth on 0419 378 709

Library monitor required!

The education sub-committee will soon be proposing that the library be up-dated to meet the current needs of our members. If this is to happen, we will need the services of an enthusiastic member to organise and maintain the up-dated system.

Anyone interested please talk to Rod Smyth

Tuesday night sessions

Tuesday night sessions seem to be outstripping our Wednesday nights in popularity and there is a problem in that the venue only holds 8 tables.

We will be addressing the arrangements for Tuesday-night play through our sub-committee processes over the next few weeks.



Just a gentle reminder though ... pairs playing on Tuesday nights must include at least one player with less than 50 masterpoints. Some other “limitations” may be introduced in 2019 in order to keep the supervised play environment fair and “novice friendly”. Again ... stay tuned!

2019 Club Handbooks

Your 2019 Club Handbook should be available at the Christmas breakup on Tuesday 18 December, but just in case it is not ...

... the **final bridge session this year** will be on the afternoon of **Monday 17 December**.

... and the **first sessions for 2019** will be:

Wed 2 Jan 1.30pm Relaxed Pairs

Wed 2 Jan 7.30pm Wednesday Club Pairs

Fri 4 Jan 1.30pm Friday Club Pairs

Mon 7 Jan 1.30pm Monday Club Pairs

Tue 8 Jan 7.15pm Supervised play (at Quarry Hill Croquet Club)

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Bendigo Bridge Club

**Christmas Lunch
&
Awards presentation**

11.30am

Tuesday 18 December 2018



PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM HANDBOOK INFO!!

**11.30am arrival for 12noon serving of main course
Bendigo Pottery Function Centre (Goldfields Catering)**

Cost: Members \$20, Partners/guests \$30
Money to Sue Napier by Monday 10 December
Drinks and coffee will be available for purchase
Awards will be presented after the main course, before dessert

Main Course

- Roast beef with gravy
- Roast pork with apple sauce and crackling
- Roasted potatoes with herbs
- Honey Carrots
- Medley of fresh vegetables of the season
- Cauliflower au gratin
- Roasted Herb and mustard pumpkin
- Four salads
- Crusty Dinner rolls

Dessert

- Chocolate mousse
 - Christmas Pudding
 - Mini Pavlova with Passionfruit
- All served with fresh whipped cream

Dietary preferences:

The main course will be served from the carvery, probably as listed here, but there may be minor variations.

Goldfields are keen for people to enjoy the lunch, and happy to provide substitutes if this menu doesn't take your fancy/meet your needs. *Please advise ALL specific needs when booking!*

Lucky Seat Prizes – Our budget covers some items, but members with access to desirable consumables (Chocolates? Wine? Preserves?) are very welcome to donate to these! Please give to Kaye Parker on Fridays, or Carmel Fitzgerald, Julie Tynan or Jennifer Goddard at other sessions – any time up to and including Friday 7th December