

Alert!

The Bendigo Bridge Club Inc

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October 2018

Thank you all for your very positive response to our September newsletter. "Keeping our members better informed" is one of our aims, so here's the next one! NOTE that we have a name for the newsletter. If you have not supplied an email address, a few copies will be available at the LGCC and Croquet Club room.

Premises

Rod Smyth gave a presentation after the AGM looking at options and costings for "our own" premises. We'd like to find out more about what might be possible, so we're working on two fronts:



1. The Club Committee has approached the LGCC Management Committee to investigate whether, if we contributed to the building of an extension to this Centre, we could get the amount of control we'd like (e.g. leave the room set up; a separate office; ability to introduce new session times ... and so on).
2. The Premises Subcommittee is still looking for appropriate sites and/or buildings that might be available "free" – i.e. most likely City or State-owned. If you know of any such site, please check with Rod Smyth as to whether it's on the list.

Please be reassured: all of this is purely exploratory!

STOP PRESS!

Peter Marley - **short course – very soon** - see page 4

Interested in Directing?



There is a course for Directors at VBA on the last weekend in January run by Laurie Kelso. The club subsidises the cost of the course.

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

Please let Ken Simpson know if you're interested in participating.



Barb Evans has kindly consented to once again running the Club's Melbourne Cup Sweep. \$1, \$2 and \$5 sweeps available. Merlyn Pritchard will take your money if Barb is not present! Lists showing draws will go up in the Leggo Room on Monday 5th November – and emailed to participating members.

Large print Handbook

The Handbooks are normally produced in A5 size. If you would like next year's Handbook in A4 size, please let the secretary know.

To all our members who may be ill or having difficult times – we wish you all the very best, and hope to have you back among us soon! We don't normally like to name people, because we don't want to leave anyone out. We singled out Gina in our last newsletter because it was such a shock to have someone so full of vitality suddenly in hospital. See the newsletter on the notice board at LGCC for the latest news.



Committee activities

Your Committee's been busy! We met on Friday 5th October for over 3 hours in a "workshop" to try to sort out some strategic issues.

We're setting up several subcommittees – the Management Committee just doesn't seem to have sufficient time to do all we'd like to.

Ken Simpson is heading up a new Match Committee, which will manage all our bridge playing activities. Its immediate tasks are to work on next year's programme, and organise the dealing and directing rosters.

An Education subcommittee headed by Rod Smyth will come up with a 3-year plan for training and the right staff to do the training.

An Awards subcommittee will review our annual awards and prizes to ensure they stay relevant to our club needs.

Committee members are all busy on a Policy and Procedure manual that will document what we do as a club, or should be doing.

Speak to a Committee member if you have ideas on these topics!



The June Everard Award 2018



The June Everard Award is presented annually to a member who has made an outstanding contribution to Bendigo Bridge Club Inc. over the Award year, 1 December to 30 November, next.

This year, the recipient of the June Everard Award will be decided by a sub-committee after consideration of submissions from club members.

If you know a member whose contribution to the club over the past year has been noteworthy, please be ready to make your submission.

Nomination forms will be available at playing sessions at the end of October. Note: Past recipients and members of the current Committee (2018/19) are not eligible for this award.



Paying your table fees

Paying with a **note** rather than coins makes counting much easier and reduces error – our Treasurer is always grateful! *Ain't that so, Sue?*

Newsletter

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 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

Unlock Your Potential



Starting Monday Week !

Peter Marley's **lessons to improve your game**

Commencing **Monday 29th October** at 10:00am, Peter will conduct 4 weekly sessions to help improve your competitive play.

- **Signalling** will be discussed over 2 sessions with set practice boards
- The use of **Doubles**, also over 2 sessions with set practice boards

All Sessions will be held each Monday for 4 weeks at 10:00am & finish by 12 noon allowing time for lunch before afternoon Bridge

Do come along with or without your regular partner & add some new tools to your game or just brush up your skills so you & your partner can enjoy the winning edge! ... for *just \$10 per person per session.*

Novice Development Tutorials

The second novice development tutorial series 2018 is half-way through. To complete the series, the following sessions will be presented on Tuesdays at Quarry Hill Croquet Club starting at 6:45pm; and on Wednesdays at Long Gully Community Centre starting at 1:00pm.

Attendance has been a bit patchy of late and starting times have dragged out. Let's try to start on time during the remainder of the year.

The Training and Development subcommittee will consider the future of this series in the months ahead. Is it meeting a need?

Comments to Rod Smyth. email: rodneysmyth@gmail.com

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Session</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Tutor</i>
16/17 Oct	8	The Finesse	Kerry
23/24 Oct	9	2C opening and responses	Kerry
30/31 Oct	10	Weak 2 openings & response. Pre-emptive bidding	Lorraine G
06/07 Nov	11	Stronger NT openings: balanced (or semi-balanced) with 19 HCP .. 20-22 HCP .. 23-24 HCP .. 25-26 HCP	Jenny R
20/21 Nov	12	Alerting/Announcing	Sue N
13/14 Nov	13	Stayman	Kerry
27/28 Nov	14	Scoring	Dan
04/05 Dec	15	Sacrificial bidding	Dan
11/12 Dec	16	Slam Bidding (Gerber/Blackwood)	Peter B
18/19 Dec	17	BBC Website (results/ links/resources)	Jenny R

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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 Jennifer Goddard between 10th and 30th November

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*