



NEWSLETTER

Illawarra Bridge Association

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I have been asked to take over the role of editor of the newsletter and whilst confessing that I have no previous experience in this area am prepared to give it a go. The Newsletter is prepared from the contributions of many in the IBA and it is important that this continues so that we have a newsletter with interesting and meaningful content. All contributions and suggestions will be given due consideration.

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Jottings from the Committee Meeting – 14 October 2018 presented by the President – Jill MacRae

Calendar

All members are requested to check that your correct phone number is included in the list which had been circulating recently.

Cleaner

We need a cleaner to replace the lady who had been doing an excellent job in the clubhouse. If any members know of a person seeking part time cleaning work please make it known to a committee member.

Upcoming competitions

The Hi-Lo is to be conducted on **10 November 2018** and the Teams of Three on **15 and 22 November 2018**. Each of these events is designed to broaden bridge experience, particularly for developing players who get the opportunity to play with more experienced players.

Registration is essential on the sheets near the entry door at FigTree.

Register as an individual and the Directors will endeavour to provide a balanced competition.

Melbourne Cup Day – Tuesday Nov. 6

This popular event with bridge, lunch and a hat parade is approaching rapidly. Be there at 10am for commencement of play at 10.30am. Tickets for the sweep with valuable prizes to be won will be available at the FigTree club in the lead up days and also on the Day. Please bring a plate for lunch and those who prefer to just throw in some cash for a group platter should see Jill MacRae.

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Computers

The clubs computers have been updated and the email address will now be:

admin@illawarrabridge.com.au

We are looking for a member to monitor the traffic on this email address.

Table Cloths

The new table cloths have freshened up the club room, however, biro marks have been appearing on some and members are asked to be careful not to mark them when using biros at the tables.

Youth Lessons

Our bridge club will be offering free bridge lessons for young people starting on **Saturday 2nd March 2019 (9.30am to 11.30am)**.

If you have suggestions, questions or can support in any way, please talk to Marie Pickering.

There will be an information session on **Saturday 23rd February 2019**.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on **10 November 2018 at 12.30pm** at FigTree. Nominations for committee position are now being called for and should be presented to the Secretary Lindsey Smith before the meeting.

IBA SWISS PAIRS CONGRESS report by Erica Gray

It was sun, smiles and a great day for bridge at this year's Illawarra Swiss Pairs!

Everyone was seated ready for the off when Jeff realised we were missing one pair! We were already using our spare pair of John and Margaret Spira but thanks to the help of Gae Southwell and Barb Johnson and then Ivan Young and Antoinette Dippennar we were able to fill the void.

These events will not work without the behind the scenes efforts of a vast array of volunteers who do shopping, make cakes and slices and a host of other tasks. In particular we thank our kitchen coordinator volunteer Gae Southwell and her dedicated, hard working band of volunteers, Barbara Johnson, Jean Wardell, Wendy Williams, Liz Halkett and Huw Joseph.

Overall we had 50 pairs, and of these 17 pairs were from other clubs from across Sydney, Campbelltown, the Southern Highlands, Goulbourn, Nowra and Kiama.

The winning pair was David Beauchamp and Garry Clarke, 2nd place went to Helen and Paul Lavings, and 3rd place to Judy Kingston and Dave Gallagher.

The best placed novice pair <10mps, was Julie Carbonara and John Kilgower, and best placed pair <50mps going to Ngaire Meehan and Keith Pittaway. Best pair <100mps, was Clair and Robert Stammel and best <500mps was Roger and Glenda McNee.

Best local pair was Rilla England and Hugh McGinty, who came 4th overall.

All in all another very successful Congress and a great big THANK YOU to our Directors, Jeff Carberry, Rob Kinloch and Ken McIvor and to all those people who volunteered, both before and on the day, and made the day such a success.

GRAND NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS (GNOT) ILLAWARRA AND SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS FINAL

This event was conducted at Bundanoon on 26 August 2018. IBA was represented by 7 teams with the entry fee being 50% subsidised by IBA. The event winner was the IBA team of Kaye Hart, Jeff Carberry, Paul Lavings and Helen Lavings who now progress to the Australian GNOT final in November 2018 at Tweed Heads. Well done.

The following hand at the event created quite a bit of discussion:

S AKQ
H AK3
D AKQ
C 8743

S J87	S 9643
H QT2	H 986
D T6543	D J972
C KQ	C AJ

S T52
H J754
D 8
C T9652

North has a holding of 23 points with 8 tricks in hand and 3NT can be bid in the expectation of a trick from dummy. The additional trick is not immediately obvious with the opposition holding AKQJ of clubs but a club lead draws the J and Q and a second club lead drops the A and K. The declarer is then able to re-enter dummy with one of the 4 clubs being held and take the 3 remaining club tricks making a total of 11 tricks.

MOLLYMOOK BRIDGE CLUB CONGRESS

This very popular event was conducted over the weekend of 22-23 September 2018 with Swiss Pairs on Saturday and Teams on Sunday. Due to the popularity of this event only a small number of IBA members were able to participate. Any member wishing to enter the 2019 event will need to react quickly when entries are called next year. Results can be viewed on the NSW Bridge Assn. Website.

CATHIE VOJTECH/SHIRLEY PEARCE

It has been reported that Cathie and Shirley have not been in good health recently and have been unable to attend bridge sessions. Cathie and Shirley are well love personalities and I am sure that all members look forward to a time when they are able to attend the club again.

HUMOROUS INCIDENT

It has been reported that whilst playing a 6 NT contract, an IBA member claimed the contract after only a hand full of tricks had been played **declaring that he would play the established winners in his hand and rough a losing spade.** The opposition was stunned to hear the explanation and called the Director. Because Clubs had been prominent in the bidding the declarer thought he was playing a 6 clubs contract. He did make 6 NT however the director determined that the contract would be defeated due to the incorrect explanation of how it would be played out. Humorous and embarrassing for the member but a lesson to all that when 'claiming', an accurate description of how it is to be played out is essential.

ROLE OF THE DUMMY

President, Jill MacRae has submitted this interesting article.
The Director is your friend.

DUMMY HAS RIGHTS TOO BUT NOT VERY MANY. (law 42)

Absolute rights

1. Dummy can only give information in the directors presence.
2. Dummy can keep count of tricks won and lost.
3. Dummy plays the cards as declarers agent

Qualified rights

1. Dummy may ask Declarer, but not Defender when he has failed to follow suit, whether he has a card of that suit.
2. He may try to prevent any irregularity.
3. He may draw attention to any irregularity AFTER the hand has been played.

Limitations

1. Dummy may not initiate a call for the Director
 2. Dummy may not participate in the play, nor communicate about play to the Declarer.
 3. Dummy may not exchange hands with the Declarer.
 4. Dummy may not leave his seat to watch declarer play.
 5. He may not look at the face of defenders cards.
- Dummy is the **SILENT** partner.

NEW MEMBERS

The IBA is pleased to welcome the following new members to the club and the rich world of bridge. It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to welcome them and render any assistance at the bridge table:

Leonee Dixon	Hazel Sellers
Hans Rijsdilk	Fien Rijsdilk
Shahla Vogl	Marita Johnston
Julie Carbonara	James Wood
Faye Michael	

SEE OVER PAGE FOR MELBOURNE CUP FLYER

MELBOURNE CUP PARTY

Tuesday November 6.

Figtree Clubroom

You are cordially invited to come to the

IBA MELBOURNE CUP PARTY

on Tuesday November 6.

No table fees

Please come in party dress and a HAT

10.00 for 10.30 play

Break for Lunch and champagne

Please sign up indicating sweet or savoury plate

Champagne and prizes

No partner needed

Sweeps available in advance or on the day