



COMMUNITY **BRIDGE** CLUB  
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## MARCH NEWSLETTER

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kevin Hughes ...

Jeff Hayhurst ...

Pat Austin ...



Sweet Pea & Daisy

6<sup>th</sup> April

11<sup>th</sup> April

17<sup>th</sup> April

### CONGRATULATIONS

Marianna Xerri came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Wellington Pairs. Well done.

We have a few Congresses coming up and we wish our regular travellers well.

Just a note – it is hard to keep up with who goes where – so please if you have any news, we would love you to email us so we can easily keep up with who goes where.

Thank you.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Yes, it's that time again. Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Starting time is 9.15am, please be seated as soon after 9am as possible.

Nominations need to be to the Secretary by 9.15am 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Nomination forms have been mailed, and are also available at your bridge session, as are the last year's AGM Minutes for your perusal.

Any business wishing to be discussed should be provided to the Secretary by 9.15am 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Bridge should commence around 9.30am.

## COMING EVENTS



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### Club Teams Day

**Thursday 22nd May 2025**

This is a **Club Trophy Event** so is open to  
Community **Bridge** Club members only.

**Entry fee:** \$100 per team which includes lunch  
and drinks and nibbles at end of day.

**Play starts at 9.30am**

**Director: Peter Hume**

**Join in the fun.**

- You can have a five-man team so you don't have to play all day, but you can still enjoy the camaraderie of a Teams Event.
- Teams will be graded by the Director according to masterpoints, so you can team with whomever you like. If enough we will have a), b) and c) gradings.
- There is no cash prize money, just the Club glory and maybe some wine.
- If you don't have a full team, please check with Sharon to help you out.

**Enter via Calendar on our website or sign up  
when at your bridge session.**

**Entries close Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

# “Post Mortem Thursday”

This Thursday afternoon innovation continues to be a great success. Not only for the newer players, but those taking part are also finding it beneficial.

Our discussion panel is Rhonda Innes, Rhonda Nix and Irene Campbell. If you would like any more information, please speak with them or Sharon or Carol.

Players taking part keep their bidding slips from the Thursday morning session. The cards from the problem boards are laid out, along with the differing bidding slips. Then the various bidding is discussed and the reasoning. The boards are then played and the line of play discussed.

It gives reason to the rules and is done with humour and encouragement.

Also, we have opened Thursday afternoon in the Calendar on the website so you can enter your name if you wish to come so we have some idea of the numbers.

Try it !!

No charge !!

Just love of playing bridge !!



## RULES - CLAIMING

As Directors, one of the questions we are often asked is when a claim is made by Declarer that “all the rest of the tricks are mine”, yet one of the Defenders is still holding a trump trick – be it whatever value – what should I do?

When the claim is made and the Defenders are still dealing with the basics and are not familiar with that part of the game and still holding a trump, the first instinct is to say, “Oh but I still have a trump!” No!

A claim is a statement that your side will win a certain number of tricks, ***accompanied by a clear statement of the ‘line of play’; the order in which the (now faced cards) would be played.***

Following a claim, ***play ceases immediately.***

Then: at the request of the non-claiming side, and only if all *four* players agree, the hand can be played out; ***otherwise*** the

**The Director must be called.**

**Because –**

**Law 70 C – There is an outstanding Trump**  
When a trump remains in one of the opponents’ hands, the Director shall award a trick or tricks to the opponents if:

1. Claimer made no statement about that trump, and
2. It is at all likely that claimer at the time of his claim was unaware that a trump remained in an opponent’s hand, and
3. A trick could be lost to that trump in normal play\*.

\*“normal” includes play that would be careless or inferior for the class of player involved.

So, if in doubt, don’t say “oh but I have a trump” and/or don’t just agree, please call your Director. They are there to keep play flowing and more than anything, keep **equity at the table.**