

BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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Heard at the Committee...

SINCE THE last Newsletter your committee has:

- ◆ Welcomed our new Treasurer Chris Smith and new members Jan Chivers, Annette Kearns and Martin Stone
- ◆ Received confirmation that the Leagues Club subsidy will continue in 2010—with this accompanied by a request for our players to use the club's food, bar and other services even more
- ◆ Reviewed our financial situation and determined that from 2010 the club will charge its home club members the cost of the ABF and NSWBA affiliation fees

Home Club Fee Options...

HOME CLUB refers to the bridge club where the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) has a player registered. It has nothing to do with Manly Leagues Bridge Club membership which is broadly Leagues Club membership and having played bridge with us within the last six months (ie there is no annual fee).

The Bridge Club last year paid more than \$20 in affiliation fees to the ABF and NSW Bridge Association for each of our approximately 120 Home Club players. From next March we will be charging our Home Club members \$25 to cover these costs.

An option for those existing Home Club members who are members of other bridge clubs may be to approach that club to transfer their Home Club membership. This may make sense as most other clubs charge the same annual fee whether a player uses them as their Home Club or not.

Learning in 2010...

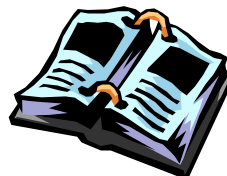
WE HAVE FOUR great learning options:

- ◆ **Beginners Intakes**—Will start in the first week of February on Sunday mornings and Thursday nights. Please pass on the contact details of any friends who might be interested. Check our website or pick up fliers to hand out.
- ◆ **Improvers & Intermediate Lessons**—Will also start in February focused on the topics that have received the most interest. Check our website or pick up a flier with the range of possible topics.
- ◆ **Practice Workshops**—Designed to consolidate basic skills with hands-on bidding (then discussion), then play (and further discussion). Thursday 6-7pm,
- ◆ **Supervised Sessions**—Play at your own pace with notes or flippers, ask questions, have fun. Thursday 7.20-10pm.



2010 Calendar, etc..

THE NEW CLUB 2010 Calendar and Members' Phone List is available on our website (see URL below) or from the Club's cupboards (2nd cupboard, 2nd shelf, 3rd drawer). Player Details Change forms are also available from our website or the 1st drawer.



Also available on our website are copies of the 2009 Prize Board and the 2010 Supplementary Tournament Regulations.

Odd Points...

Seasons Greetings 

All the best for the festive season and for many great bridge sessions in 2010!

Player Ratings

Great "improvers" in November:

*Martin Stone
Piet Kliffen
Monique Rohan
Joan Murdoch
Bernice Yeates
Anne Crothers
Frank Matthews
David Farmer
Joy Taylor
Sylvia Drake*

Coming Up

*Gower Trophy—3 Feb
President Cup—4 Feb
Addison Trophy—7 Feb
Valentine Day Pairs—
Sun 14 Feb
February Handicap
Pairs—All other
sessions in February—
prizes to the pairs
with best ratings
impacts*