



NEWSLETTER, OCTOBER 2018

A HEART-STARTING GRANT, MELBOURNE CUP NEWS AND WEB UPDATES

We have great news for all Club members in this edition.

First, we have obtained a grant of more than \$9,000 that will be used for a range of purposes, second, we have substantial upgrades to our ever-improving web site. And third, we have news about activities for the Melbourne Cup.

GAMBLING FUND GRANT

The Gambling Community Benefit Fund administered by the State government has awarded the Club an amount of \$9,000 that will be used to purchase a defibrillator and a number of other items.

A defibrillator is piece of life-saving equipment that can be used in the case of sudden cardiac arrest - in layman's terms, a sudden heart attack. A defibrillator can make the difference between. life and death. While it is relatively easy to use, we are fortunate to have a number of medically trained people among our active members. It might also come in handy if you make a total mess of a slam play!

The grant funds will also be used to purchase a special glass washer, similar to those used in bars. It is a relatively small washer that cleans glasses in a couple of minutes rather than waiting the full cycle of our standard dish washer.

We will also benefit with eight new board boxes and their contents.

Finally, our tech whiz Eddie Heinemeyer gets remaining funds to upgrade our wifi communication and computer systems.

WEB SITE UPGRADES

Speaking of technical matters, Eddie has been hard at work upgrading the functionality of our web site even further. Here are a few samples.

Partner Request. On the website home page or on the Members page, click on the link to login. Use your email address as username and your club membership number as the password. Click on **New / Edit** next to your name to add a request for a partner. When you find the partner of your dreams, please login again and click on clear.

<http://www.tmbridgeclub.org.au/Members.asp>

Members Phone List. The website home page and the members page now have links to view all members' contact details. Click on the link to login the same way as the Partner Request. You can also edit your phone number(s) if they are incorrect.

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More website features added:

The **Members Page** now includes the Friday Supervised Play Roster. All players are welcome.

Experienced players who wish to assist, please let Eddie know of your available dates or come along even if you are not on the roster.

The Friday Talk topics are now listed on the roster.

Eddie has also added **Player Performance Reports**, a downloadable Recommended ABF System Card for Novices. There are also a number of Bridge Puzzles to stretch your brains.

The **Lessons Page** now includes all Friday Talks handout notes.

MELBOURNE CUP NOVELTY BRIDGE

The club has organised a teams event to replace normal play on Monday, 5 November. If you have not already arranged a team, unfortunately, you miss out. For those in a team, we hope you have decided who will be Owner, Trainer, Jockey or Horse. It is certain to be a fun evening.

On Tuesday, we have a special Melbourne Cup Novelty session.

You need to be at the club house by 10.30am. Please place your name on the notice board in the club house as soon as possible so we can decide on catering. Yes, lunch of sandwiches and wine and other beverages is provided.

We draw for partners, which is another reason to place your name on the list well in advance.

The Novelty, we are told, is going to be in some of the dealing. So expect the unexpected - more than usual.

Cost for members is the usual table fee of \$5, including the lunch. Visitors will be charged \$10.

OTHER NEWS

Queensland Wide Pairs competition will be held on Thursday, November 22. Normal table fees apply and all players on the day are automatically entered.

Seated Time - Please be seated 15 mins prior to session starting time as the director has to calculate and set up the movement which can take a little time. So please be prompt to help our directors.