



## August 2015 Newsletter

### Suggestions

Your club needs your ideas! Do you have any suggestions that you think might enhance our club? Feel free to talk to someone on your committee. [See below]

### The Committee

H Grosvenor (President), M Sherlock (VP), B Giizel (Secretary), D Robinson, G Poulton (Treasurer), M Gibbs (MP Secretary), L Cooke, D Cooper, R Cooke, J Colville & S Edler (Chief Tournament Director).

### The Australian National Congress

This year the ANC was held in Fremantle, WA from July 11<sup>th</sup> through to 23<sup>rd</sup>. The following team members represented Tasmania:

**Open:** Hugh Grosvenor (captain) & Ann Paton  
Rob & Jane Tyson  
Sandra Fuller & Chris Girvan

They came 7<sup>th</sup> out of 8 teams – very close to 6<sup>th</sup>!

**Seniors:** John Bailey (captain) & Hilton Francis  
Pat Beattie & Mike Longmire  
David & Susanne Sarten

They came 7<sup>th</sup> out of 8 teams winning 4 matches.

**Womens:** Dallas Cooper (captain) & Maruta Boyd  
Cath Elliot & Jane Routley  
Louise Cowan & Lyn Redman

They came 8<sup>th</sup> out of 8 teams but had 3 wins and a draw.

### Australian Butler Pairs Championship

The Butler pairs Championships were played in Fremantle following the ANC teams. Tasmania was represented by Hugh Grosvenor and Ann Paton in the Open, Margaret Gibbs and Richard Cooke and David and Susanne Sarten in the Seniors and Louise Cowan and Lyn Redman and Chris Girvan and Daryl Smith in the Restricted. Ann and Hugh qualified for the final 20 pairs out of a field of 66 pairs and finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the final over 6 days of competition.

Richard and Margaret came 12<sup>th</sup> out of 26 in the Seniors. Chris and Daryl finished 24<sup>th</sup> out of 48 in the Restricted.

### Event Registration

If you go to the club web address [www.tasbridge.com.au](http://www.tasbridge.com.au) and then > Events > you will see those events currently available for online registration.

### Recent Masterpoint Promotions

The following club members have recently received Masterpoint promotions. Well done to all of you. A particular mention of Hilton Francis who has achieved the ranking of Grand Master, a great achievement.

To GRADUATE MASTER:

Maggie Aird & Robyn Gottschalk

To CLUB MASTER Anne Wood

To LOCAL MASTER:

Helen Altmann, Ann Briginshaw, Vicki Douglas, Karen Duffey, Betty Pilgrim, Clive Sellen, Liz Sellen & Andrew Walter

To LOCAL MASTER\* Di Fincke & Leigh Wade

To LOCAL MASTER\* \* Engelina Poulton

To REGIONAL MASTER:

Annie Bartlett, Alison Holland, Margie Smith & Janette Targett

To STATE MASTER Denise Jeffrey

To STATE MASTER\* Pam Murphy & Pam Salmon

To SILVER LIFE Fiona Hickey

To GRAND MASTER Hilton Francis

### Bridge in a day

These presentations have proven popular over the years. The next one will be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September at the TBA. If you know of anyone who may be interested please put them in touch with the club. The cost is \$30 and includes light lunch and refreshments.

### New Members

Welcome to Geoff Green who has moved from NSW and to Leyon Parker who attended the last *Bridge in a Day* session

## Upcoming STATE Events

### Tasmanian Open/Handicap Teams & Challenge Cup

Tamar BC 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> August  
Enter online or on form

## Upcoming CLUB Events

### Southern Graded Pairs

This is a RED point event to be held on THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST  
Walk-in no pre-entry required

### Club Open & Handicap Teams Championship

This RED POINT event will be held on 3 Mondays 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST  
Enter online or in entry book

### Club Pairs Championship

This is a RED masterpoint point event to be held on 2 Mondays 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> September  
Enter online or in entry book

### Club Swiss Pairs Championship

This is a RED masterpoint point event to be held on Monday nights 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> September.  
Enter online or in entry book

### GNOT Southern Region

The play off for this event has been cancelled as there were no teams available from any clubs other than the TBA. It has been decided to send the team that won the qualifying heat at the TBA. This team is comprised of Phil Beck, Daryl Smith, Jane and Rob Tyson.  
Congratulations and good luck in the national final to be held in Tweed Heads.

## Jackpots

The **MONDAY NIGHT JACKPOT** is played for on the first Monday of each month over 11 months culminating in a prize play-off in December. There are separate events for Pink and Blue Sections.  
No pre-entry required.

The next Jackpot events are:

Jackpot 8 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August and [NOTE]  
Jackpot 9 Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August

The **THURSDAY NIGHT JACKPOT** is paid out to the pair who bid, and make, 3 slams in an evening. The pot increases each week until it is won when it starts over again.

## Club Enhancements

The windows on the Rowing Club side of our playing area face the sun and can cause a strong glare during the day. While we do have motorized blinds it has been suggested that the glass could be treated with glare-reducing film. We are presently investigating materials and we will be trialing a sample on the 3 windows nearest the entry door.

## The Michaels Cue Bid

This popular *convention* carries the name of its originator – Michael Michaels. He was a contemporary of Charles Goren and lived in Miami Beach, Florida back in the 50's/60's. He was an accomplished player. Whilst his parents showed a remarkable lack of imagination in his naming the Michaels Cue Bid convention is highly original and is now extensively used by players at all levels of skill. It is generally used to show a 2 – suited hand, classically to show both major suits after a minor suit opening by opponents. Interestingly, you might use this bid after having initially passed.

It is an important convention with many useful variants. These can be checked out at e.g. < <http://www.bridgeguys.com> > conventions. Even if you don't intend to play it with your partner it is still a good idea to have a basic knowledge of it to better understand your opponent's bidding.

## Australia Wide Pairs

This popular event is organized by *Australian Bridge* and is played simultaneously across clubs in Australia during the last week of August. We propose to hold this event at the TBA on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August. No pre-entry required.

## System Cards

A number of members like to keep their system card at the club in the box under the results board. There are many cards in that box that are no longer used and we would like to cull those that are obsolete. Shortly we will be placing a **NEW BOX** under the results board and request members who wish to retain their card in the club to retrieve it from the old box and place it in the **NEW** one.

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