



# Bridge Around Adelaide

## Burnside Update

5 March 2019

### Hot Stuff

It is pleasing to see the consistent player attendances despite the hot weather. Hopefully Autumn will usher in some more pleasant temperatures.

Many thanks to Wendy Hooper for lending me a helping hand during February. I am currently running Beginner Sessions elsewhere on Tuesday mornings. Unfortunately, I couldn't reschedule these, so Wendy will continue to be a familiar face right throughout March.

Congratulations to February's winners:

Rita Sziller & Godfrey Wiseman	171.15%	1st
John Clay & Gerald Pope	170.70%	2nd
Sally Bates & John Wills	169.58%	3rd

### Membership Fees Overdue

Bridge Around Adelaide Membership runs from 1 January to 31 December. Any players who have not joined by now are required to pay non-member table fees; Members \$10, Non-Members \$11.

### Foyer Usage

The Church has advised me that we are not entitled to use the Foyer as part of our session. This means that afternoon tea should be taken inside the playing area.

### Alerts and Announcements

Just a reminder about the five categories to the alerting procedures:

- **Pre-alerts:** When your opponents come to the table, inform them of your basic system and any unusual agreement your partnership has that either cannot be alerted at the time or may need prior discussion to defend against. E.g. unusual carding methods or where your double of a 1NT opening is not penalties.
- **Announcements:** Do **not** announce you own bids. It is your partner's job to announce the meaning of your 1♣ and 1NT openings. For 1♣:
  - Natural systems: State the minimum number of cards i.e. 2+, 3+ etc.
  - Strong Club systems: Say "Strong" and the minimum HCP needed e.g. Strong, 16+.
  - Other systems: Say "Unusual" and your opponents can request more information.For 1NT, simply announce the range i.e. 12-14, 15-17 etc.
- **Self-alerting Bids:** 1) Doubles, 2) Redoubles, 3) Cue Bids of your opponent's suit(s) either the actual suit bid or the actual suit(s) shown, 4) bids at the 4-level except for conventional 4-level opening bids and 5) any 2♣ responses to 1 NT **opening** in an **uncontested** auction.
- **Alerts:** All conventional calls must be alerted unless announced or self-alerting.
- **Delayed Alerts:** This applies to the **declaring side only**. At the end of the auction, draw the defenders' attention to any unusual feature, particularly unusual non-alerted calls. With written bidding put a + net to the bid. **Defenders must not** draw attention to any of their bids at this time.

Remember to explain clearly and fully when asked for an explanation.

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