

# ***BEGA VALLEY BRIDGE CLUB INC.***

## **Criteria for Awards**

The following eligibility criteria were approved unanimously at a Special Committee Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018, as amended on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (in respect of the Margaret Settle award), and on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (in respect of the Club Person of the Year award), and supersede all previous rules and guidelines. These criteria shall apply from the date of adoption.

Playing awards are contested by club members in 'good standing' based on events over a club year (1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> November), except as otherwise stated or as determined by the Committee. In the event of a tie, award(s) may be granted jointly.

### ***Jean Parbery Memorial Award***

Jean Parbery (1907 - 2000) was a foundation member of the Bega Valley Bridge Club and a great stalwart of the club in its formative years.

Jean donated a trophy in 1989 (the year of the club's formation) as a perpetual award for the highest individual percentage in the year. The winner of the inaugural award was Di Woolford with an average of 59.8%. After Jean's passing in May 2000, a new trophy was purchased and from then became the Jean Parbery *Memorial Award*. Suzanne Donoghue won this award 16 years in a row, having won the original award 8 times during Jean's lifetime.



The eligibility criteria for this award are as follows:

- Based on highest individual percentage in a club year from matchpoint statistics kept by the Masterpoint Secretary;
- Supervised/supported sessions do not qualify;
- Includes both individual and pairs events (but not teams);
- In the case of pairs events, both members of the pair must be BVBC members to qualify for that particular event;
- Players must have played a minimum of 20 games to be eligible;
- Progressive results will be displayed on club website until early December at which time competition scores will be hidden from view until the winner(s) are announced at the annual prizegiving;
- Secretary will arrange for the trophy to be engraved in time for presentation;
- The Jean Parbery Trophy is to be regarded as the most prestigious of all club awards;
- Trophy should be displayed prominently in the club rooms.

## ***Nancye Apps Encouragement Award***

Nancye Apps (1935 - 2005) was a foundation member of the Bega Valley Bridge Club and a great supporter of the club over many years.

Originally called the Di and Tony Woolford Encouragement Award, and first awarded in 1991, it was renamed the Nancye Apps Memorial Award from 2005. A perpetual trophy was made by Bega Men's Shed members in 2018.



The eligibility criteria are:

- Contested by members who have been playing bridge for less than five years or such other time as the Committee may determine;
- Players must have played a minimum of 20 games (or such number as the Committee may determine) to qualify;
- Members must have < 10 Masterpoints at the time of determination;
- Based on the "Novice" competition - awarded to the member(s) with the highest individual percentage (averaged across eligible events) of the club year;
- In the event that a member wins this award on a second or subsequent occasion, it is to be awarded to the next most eligible person;
- Secretary will arrange for the trophy to be engraved in time for presentation;
- Trophy should be displayed prominently in the club rooms.

## ***Margaret Settle Award for Improvement***

Margaret Settle (1929 - 1992) was a long-term bridge player and was instrumental in the club's formation and promotion in its early years.

An award was established in Margaret's memory after her passing. A trophy was made by Bega Men's Shed members in 2018.



The eligibility criteria are:

- Awarded to members irrespective of how long they have been playing bridge;
- Players must have played a minimum of 5 games (or such number as the Committee may determine) to qualify;
- Based on the "Improvers" competition - awarded to the member(s) with the best individual average percentage improvement of the club year compared with the previous full year's average percentage;
- This award is based on the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> November, in order for the trophy to be presented at the annual prizegiving;
- Secretary will arrange for the trophy to be engraved in time for presentation;
- Trophy should be displayed prominently in the club rooms.

## ***Club Person of the Year Award***

The Club Person of the Year Award may be awarded and presented annually to a Bega Valley Bridge Club member in recognition of performing *above and beyond* the call of duty normally required of a member. This person has been judged to have made the most significant and exemplary contribution to the welfare and improvement of the Club and its members, and who exhibits attributes in keeping with the Bega Valley Bridge Club Code of Conduct, Ethics and Constitution. This is awarded to the member, who:

- Is a financial member of the Bega Valley Bridge Club;
- Is a role model and ambassador for the Bega Valley Bridge Club Inc, and who has promoted a positive profile of the Club in the community;
- Has shown dedication, commitment and made a positive and REAL difference to the Club and its members;
- Volunteers their time freely without the expectation of recognition and for no financial or personal gain, for the overall benefit of the Club and its members and goes *above and beyond* the duties of their position in the Club; and
- Encourages good sportsmanship and quality.

The granting of this award is at the absolute discretion of the President, who may seek input from other members. This award may not necessarily be granted each year should the President deem that there are no members who meet the criteria.

Trophy should be displayed prominently in the clubhouse.

## ***Directors' Award***

This is awarded to the member(s), who in the opinion of the director(s):

- Has displayed good camaraderie and sportsmanship;
- Has been actively involved in club activities;
- Has been active in promoting bridge;
- Has been of assistance to the director(s) in preparation and running events; and
- For encouragement and development of newer players.

**Note:** It is *preferable* that the recipient *not* be a committee member.

A trophy was made by Bega Men's Shed members in 2018.

## ***Life Membership***

**Amendment (addition of Part 2 Clause 4) adopted by Special Resolution of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.**

***Life Membership*** of the association may be granted to a person who has given exceptional service to the club over at least 20 years of continuous membership as a player, teacher or mentor, administrator or for an outstanding contribution to the association in the areas of fundraising, general support, promotion or any area that the Committee may deem relevant.

Nominations for Life Membership shall be submitted to the Office Bearers, (unless any of the candidates for life membership are themselves office bearers, in which case the other office bearers), who must agree *unanimously* that the candidate meets the criteria to be made a life member of the association. The nomination shall then be submitted to a General Meeting of the association, and shall require a three-quarter majority vote of those present and eligible to vote, for Life Membership to be granted. Where possible, nominations should be put forward without the candidate's knowledge.

Following approval:

- a) The person shall be presented with a suitable certificate or plaque at an appropriate ceremony as soon as practical after approval; and
- b) The person's membership status is to be acknowledged on the association's website; and
- c) Membership subscription and playing fees may be waived indefinitely.

Life Membership can only be terminated in accordance with Part 2 Clauses 5-7 of the Constitution, with the exception that 5(d) shall not apply.

## ***Other Awards***

Other prizes *may* be awarded at the Committee's discretion:

- Awards for the highest percentages on individual days' play - Monday, Tuesday, Friday and/or daytime and night-time events;
- Highest aggregate point score based on 8 for a win, 7 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5 for 4<sup>th</sup> etc. or other distribution that may be determined by the Committee;
- Pairs and teams prizes including an award to the pair or pairs with the highest % in a year;
- Award based on handicapped events during the year;
- An attendance award for the member(s) who has played the greatest number of games in a year;
- Novelty awards;
- Prizes for *Grand Slams*;
- Any other award that the Committee may determine.