

# Melbourne Playing Card Collectors Inc.

## Autumn Fair

Saturday 4th March 2017

11am—3:30pm

- ◇ 1,000s of swap & playing cards from the 1900s to the 2000s will be on sale.
- ◇ Many sellers!
- ◇ Complimentary tea, coffee & biscuits BYO lunch
- ◇ Children under 12 are welcome in the company of a paying adult

**There are hundreds of thousands of old cards available...  
PLUS a whole generation of new, gorgeous designs -  
something for everyone!**

- ◆ Complete decks from \$2
- ◆ Ultra Pro pages all sizes
- ◆ Grey page albums

**Notice is hereby given**  
**45th Annual General Meeting of the**  
**Melbourne Playing Card Collectors Inc.**  
**A 0019629 P**

will be held on Sunday 2nd April 2017  
at 2.30pm.

Venue : Alkira 3 Thurston Street  
Box Hill 3128

(Melways reference 47 C10)

As this is an election year Voting forms will be  
distributed with the Autumn/March Newsletter.



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### Meeting dates for 2017

March	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Autumn Fair
April	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - AGM
May	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>
June	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>
July	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>
August	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>
September	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Spring Fair
October	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Clubs 46 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
November	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>
December	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Christmas Celebration

# Association Secretary's Report

Hello Members,

A little late but most sincere – Happy New Year to you all and may 2017 be a kind year for you and your families.

Are you ready for another year of collecting Playing cards? I know I am. Even after all of my years collecting I still get a great deal of pleasure from seeing new cards or being able to add a longed for but difficult to find card to its spot on one of the pages in my albums.

This year it is a voting year at our Annual General Meeting. According to our Constitution we are only required to vote every two years. Please think carefully about who you would like to see on the Committee. Voting forms accompany this Newsletter but will also be available at the March meeting.

At our February meeting we were thrilled with the 2016 Worshipful cards, four new Caspari cards (numbers PC 129 Decoupage Garden –PC 130 Salon de The) and also the release of 10 new Tree Free designs. The Tree Free Jokers are interesting for Joker collectors and a couple of decks have really wonderful court cards that can be ordered if anyone is interested.

Could people please look carefully at home for two albums that have gone missing – a collection of Treasures and a blue folder, which was borrowed by someone at a meeting, containing memorabilia of the MPCC over many years. There are photos, correspondence etc that can never be replaced. It can be easy to pick up or file something and not realise that it's not yours.

Thank you to everyone who attended and made the Christmas meeting such a pleasant day. Lots of cards, laughter, friendship and a really scrummy afternoon tea.

On behalf of the Committee thank you to everyone who supports and helps create a welcoming, relaxed, warm environment at our meetings.

Happy trading!

Bev Storey - Association Secretary

## New Members

We warmly welcome **Helen Burns & Patricia McGuire** as members of MPCC and look forward to hearing about their likes and habits with their playing/swap card collections. Thank you for wanting to be part of our Club.

## Alkira Op Shop

Alkira is our chosen Charity and we are happy to support them in whatever way possible. Their Op Shop welcomes clean, saleable items. If you are having a Spring clean please keep Alkira in mind and bring your pre-loved items to ANY meeting. We have an area in the Foyer that is a designated Op Shop zone and any items there will be taken to the Op Shop at the end of each meeting.

Every little thing helps, so please get behind us to help them ♥

## 2017 Displays

March	Fair - ENN & Clowns
April	AGM – USNN & Deco
May	Aussie Souvenirs
June	Animals
July	USA
August	World Souvenirs
September	Fair - Birds
October	46 <sup>th</sup> Birthday - Horses
November	Fish, Reptiles and Insects
December	Christmas & Cartoons

## Birthdays

To all Members having birthdays, Happy Birthday and a contented, healthy year to follow!

**March:** Diane Garsed, Ray Nilsson, John Robertson, Nancy Rosewall, Bev Storey, Vivienne While.

**April:** Amy Elliott, Mary Hayman, Bobby McWhirter, Janet Rahman, Lorraine Smith, Geoffrey Weeks.

**May:** Kay Belcourt, Margaret Dullaway, Ken Johns, Roma Kriening, Ivy Langsdon, Barbara Lunaberg, Helen Stanton, Lisa Steart, Beverley Winstone

There are some Members whose birthdays fall during these months but as we don't have your dates, we include you in wishing all members whose birthdays are in March, April and May a very happy birthday.

# Worshipful Deck 2015/16

## The 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great Fire of London in 1666

### Theme

The theme for this year's double deck is in recognition of the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great Fire in London in 1666.

The fire was said to have started in a baker's oven in Pudding Lane, the premises of Thomas Farynor baker to the King. The fire quickly spread and in the course of four days and destroyed 436 acres or some 80% of the City of London and 25% of the capitol as a whole. The recorded number of structures destroyed was 13,200 houses, 87 churches and many famous buildings including the Royal Exchange and St Pauls Cathedral. Remarkably only 6 deaths were officially recorded.



### The Master

Richard Wells was admitted to the Livery of the makers of Playing Cards in 2007 and joined the court of Assistants in 2012. He became a Freeman of the city of London and a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Gardeners in 1985. Richard spent some 56 years working in the City of London, mainly in Lloyd's and the London Insurance market, holding numerous directorships and executive appointments.



### About the Cards

The Kings – Represent the principal dramatic personage connected with the Great Fire. King Charles 2<sup>nd</sup>, his younger brother James (later King James 2<sup>nd</sup>), who basically took charge of the efforts to put the fire out. Samuel Pepys, Secretary of the Navy and diarist, famous for giving a first-hand account of the disaster and Sir Christopher Wren, Architect responsible for the re-building of much of the city.



The Queens – depict four of Wren's masterpieces: the re-built St. Pauls Cathedral, the Church of St Lawrence Jewry next to the Guildhall, the Old Royal Naval College at Greenwich and The Monument.

The Knaves – show images or scenes connected with the Great Fire and its aftermath: a medieval baker's oven, a fire insurance sign, rudimentary fire services and Pudding Lane road sign.



The Jokers – show Nell Gwyn, mistress of King Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> and The Golden Boy of Pye, a statue erected in Giltspur Street, Smithfield, where the fire was eventually stopped. Beneath the statue is an inscription, with the words: "This Boy is in Memmory Put up for the late Fire of London Occasion'd by the Sin of Gluttony".



Card Backs – are unusual in that they show the left-hand and right-hand halves of the 1666 Shlohavot woodcut print, the only surviving contemporary record of the fire.

### Acknowledgments

The Shlohavot print on the back is reproduced by permission of the Museum of London and the paintings displayed on the four Kings reproduced by permission of the national Portrait Gallery.

A version of the Wenceslaus Hollar print depicting the extent of the Great Fire has been reproduced on the sleeve by permission of The British Museum.

**This year the design has again been undertaken by Brad Zachary Baker of Amesbury.**

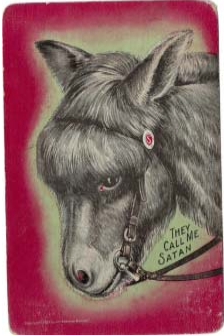
# Card History

You'll never look at cards and see them for JUST the picture on the back again. Cards were used as a means of communication and imparting knowledge. How often have you looked at a card and wondered?? Thankfully at times you find an ID card among your 'treasures' and so stories unfold.

Jeff Dalton is one member who tirelessly scours his collection and as Newsletter time approaches provides a number of interesting cards to be included. A HUGE thank you to Jeff for his interest. In this edition we have highlighted four such cards with quite diverse information.

\*\*\* (If you have any ID cards that could be used please give to Hilary/Rosie in a named envelope for safekeeping)

## 'Burros'



It is not because he 'sings', nor because he 'winks' his ears in walking and wags his plaintive tail when fed, that all people love the Burro.

It is enough that he is loved.

He is also a great working force and has done more in building up the Great West than any other agency, save mankind alone.

The miner, the Hunter and the Mexican all depend on him and everybody in the West has a tender spot for the friendly little beast.

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## 'Composition of a Pair of Pants'

Pants are made for men and not for women. Women are made for men and not for pants. When a man pants for a woman and a woman pants for a man, they are a pair of pants. Such pants don't last.

Pants are like molasses – they are thinner in hot weather and thicker in the cold.

Men are often mistaken in pants: such mistakes are breaches of promise. There has been much discussion whether pants is singular or plural.

Seems to us when men wear pants it is plural and when they don't wear pants it is singular. Men go on a tear in their pants and it's all right when pants go on a tear it is all wrong.

If you want to make pants last make the coat first.

If you want an article which will outlast all others, buy the No. 35 'Angelbacksqueezers' Firsts or seconds, manufactured only by The New York Consolidated Card Co, ask your dealer for them.



The best known and most popular playing card ever made. It has worn well for a quarter of a century as the public testify and is better than any other in the market.

Ad for The New York Consolidated Card Co.

## 'The Computer – Animal Sculpture'

The tiger and dragon which decorate the backs of these playing cards have been sculptured from computer components by artist Jack. N. Ridner. These and similar sculptures – with subjects ranging from a sheep, pussycat and parrot to an ape, rhinoceros and beaver – have been featured in Honeywell computer advertising for a number of years.

The sculptures have helped to communicate the broad and varied involvement in the computer industry and they've come from Honeywell's special concern for putting the needs of the customer first.

The other computer company – Honeywell



Has it ever occurred to you that the 52 playing cards in a deck represent the 52 weeks in a year & the 4 suits represent the 4 seasons!!

# Card History

## 'Peter Stuyvesant'



Born in Holland in 1602. In 1647 came to America as Governor of new Amsterdam.

After years of conflict between Dutch and English settlers, Charles the 2<sup>nd</sup> gave his brother the Duke of York the colony and Stuyvesant was obliged to surrender to the English fleet. New Amsterdam then became New York.

Stuyvesant spent his last days on a farm near new York and died at 80.

Contrary to popular belief, Stuyvesant did not lose his leg in his country's defense but in fighting with Barbary pirates.

Of his elaborately designed wooden legs, one studded with silver earned him the name " Old Silvernails"

## 'The Croton'

A light wood burning passenger locomotive built for the Hudson River R.R. in 1851.

This elegant model reflects the style of the period. The engine once pulled a 90 ton, seven car train at an average speed of 40 mph including stops.

National Museum of History and Technology – Smithsonian Institution – Photography: Lee Boltin



## 'Gordon Grant'

A master of painted sailing vessels is Gordon Grant and many a gallant old windjammer has made her last voyage on his painted seas.

Converted into fishing boats their former white splendour covered with brown paint, Gordon Grant says "Though they suffer the full degree of their humiliation and no lover of ships doubts that they do, they are now an inspiring sight as they go bowling out through the Golden gate a potent reminder of the glory that was".

Born in San Francisco June 7<sup>th</sup> 1875, Gordon Grant began his career with Harpers Weekly, took part in the Boer war and later painted a picture of the Constitution to help save "Old Ironside".

He was attached to the General Staff, USA at Washington DC during the World War.

Ships of the sea and men of the sea and seashore, beaches washed by hurling spray, sunlit dunes, evidences of the eternal conflict between land and sea – are subjects expertly managed by the brush of Gordon Grant.



No. 22 Ships by Gordon Grant

## 'Electric Street Car'

This is a model of a handsome double track car operated by the Metropolitan Railway of New York City. An under the street conduit system was used instead of the usual overhead wire trolley.

National Museum of History & Technology – Smithsonian Institution – Photography : Lee Boltin



## Your committee for 2017

**President:** Hilary Oates 03 9725 2461

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Created Cards

*Please note: the cards pictured in this Newsletter may not be available from the club. The cards are not shown to scale.*

Could you please see that all your details are up to date and if you have an email address let us know. It would be handy to be able to contact members with regard to Club Activities rather than having to rely on the Newsletter four times a year

## Forthcoming items of interest

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017 – **Our Autumn Fair**

Could Members, who sell on eBay, please advertise our events on your selling page, and general members 'pass the word' around. Sales are so much better for both Sellers and the Club, when there is a more diverse attendance. It is only through advertising that we can help our Club grow and prosper.

**Payments:** For those who find it easier to deposit either on line or at a branch - the Club's account details are:

Commonwealth Bank BSB 063 151

Account Number 1008-4029 .

Please ask the bank to include your name so that we know who has made the deposit.

## Raffle winners

December: Ray Boxshall, Jeff Dalton, Janice Downs, Loretta Jacobs, Ken Johns, Pam Ogilvie, Cheryl Phelps, Wilma Ratcliffe, Loraine Smith, Jill Sommers.

February: Jan Arnot, Belle Burton, Roger Baird, Ray Boxshall, Jeff Dalton, Roma Kriening, Wilma Ratcliffe, Gayle Warren, Coralie Young.



### Please remember!

- At meetings, sign in and out in the attendance book (for OH&S reasons)
- Help out by washing and drying your own cup! Thank YOU 😊
- Please look after your own possessions. Make sure your books are named and don't leave them unattended. Things can get 'misplaced' and this can lead to heartache.



## Bring a friend!

## Merchandise available from MPCC Inc.

Ultra Pro sheets	15, 12, 8, 6, 4, 3, 2, 1 pocket (3 hole) 9 pocket (11 hole)	Box of 100	\$ 35.00
	9 pocket (3 hole)	Box of 100	\$ 30.00
		Per sheet	\$ 0.50
Inserts	White, off white, grey, pale blue	Bundle of 500	\$ 5.00
	Black	Bundle of 500	\$ 7.00
Clear card sleeves		Packet of 100	\$ 5.00
Cardboard strip spacers	for white page albums	Bundle of 50	\$ 6.50
Paper albums	Grey pages (used), various prices up to	per album	\$ 12.50
	Black pages (new Lark)	per album	\$ 20.00

### Meetings

Alkira Centre, 3 Thurston Street, Box Hill 3128 – Melways reference 47 C10

General meetings: 1:00-4:00pm

Fair days: 11am-3:30pm

### Fees

Subscriptions \$30/year due by April AGM

Secondary School age students \$10/year (unfortunately Primary School age students not permitted by Alkira) - an exception is made for our fair days where any child accompanied by an adult may attend.

Sellers \$10/meeting for standard table. Day members \$5 (includes afternoon tea and covers MPCC for insurance purposes)

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