



Melbourne Playing Card Collectors Inc.

Merry Christmas everyone!!!



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Meeting dates for 2017

January	No meeting
February	Sunday 5 th
March	Saturday 4 th – Autumn Fair
April	Sunday 2 nd - AGM
May	Saturday 6 th
June	Sunday 4 th
July	Saturday 1 st
August	Sunday 6 th
September	Saturday 2 nd – Spring Fair
October	Sunday 1 st – Clubs 46 th Birthday
November	Saturday 4 th
December	Saturday 2 nd - Christmas Celebration

45th Annual General Meeting of the Melbourne Playing Card Collectors Inc.

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.



2017 Displays

January	No Meeting
February	Artists
March	Fair - ENN & Clowns
April	AGM – USNN & Deco
May	Aussie Souvenirs
June	Animals
July	USA
August	World Souvenirs
September	Fair - Birds
October	46 th Birthday - Horses
November	Fish, Reptiles and Insects
December	Christmas & Cartoons



Association Secretary's Report

Hello Members,

It is nearly Christmas – only one more meeting to go! The year seems to have passed rather quickly – maybe because we so enjoy our cards and look forward to each meeting in the hope that we may find that longed-for card.

Hopefully you have filled lots of spaces in your collections. The Club tries to help in this way.

There may be some members who are still looking for Caspari cards. We have sorted the Club cards and purchased additional stock. Please just ask.

A new range to the Club, are the Tree Free Cards. An interesting concept, as the cards are manufactured saving trees. Some years ago we had a few examples of these lovely cards; but then found we were unable to source them. This has been remedied and a new order is on its way. This range makes a very attractive Mini – Series. The designs are also available in a huge number of paper products.

The Spring Fair was a very pleasant day. Unfortunately not a large visitor attendance; but those present seemed very interested.

At the November meeting the LECC (Limited Edition Club Created cards) miniature cards were sold. There were many wonderful designs available (never to be repeated) and they were eagerly sought after.

Thank you to the members who of their own volition have helped with packing up after some of the meetings. There is a small band that spend an inordinate amount of time huffing and puffing to set up the day/night prior to each meeting. It's been wonderful to have had the assistance, after the meeting is over, when everyone is tired. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Enjoy your Christmas Break with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you in February, refreshed and ready for another year of card collecting and friendship. I personally really enjoy your company.

With best wishes for the Festive Season from your hard working committee,

Anita, Bev, Hilary, Hilda, Jeff, Lorraine, Pam and Rosie.

We warmly welcome new members of MPCC and look forward to hearing about your collecting habits and likes with playing/swap cards. Thank you for wanting to be part of our Club.

Linda Horner
Linda Taylor

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 ♥



URGENTLY SEEKING!

At the Birthday meeting a couple of years ago Bev Storey lent her blue folder, which contained the archival records of the Club to someone who said they were interested.

Could you all please look at home – it may be with other folders and you've just not noticed it. It is a wonderful collection of photos, cards, attendances at special events etc that spans 40+ years. Bev has thoroughly searched her home and then thought that whoever has it would find it and return it to her. Please all make a concerted effort. We'd like to be able to make copies of some of the contents. It belongs to the club.

Birthdays

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

December: Shaun Crosling, Sue George, Evelyn Harmat, Samantha Sailer, Linda Taylor

January: Margot Drayton, Heather Greaves, Kiera Harvey, Dianne Legge, Joy Pratt, Coralie Young

February: Margaret Allison, Anna Herten, Valerie Mark, Bev Matthey, Lillybell Murray, Elizabeth Saddington, Tracy Sly, Anna Herten

There are some Members who are having birthdays during these months; but as we don't have your dates, we hope you have a very happy birthday.



“The Christmas Spider”

The Grey spider worked very hard every day making long strands of silk that he wove into a web in which he caught troublesome flies. He noticed that everyone turned away from him because, they said, he was so unpleasant to look at, with his long crooked legs and furry body. Of course the grey spider didn't believe that because he only had the kindest feelings for everybody.

One day as he was crossing a stream he looked in the water. There he saw himself as he really was.

“Oh,” he thought, “I am very unpleasant to look at. I shall keep out of people's way”. He was very sad and hid himself in the darkest corner of the stable.

There he again began to work as he always had, weaving long strands of silk into webs and catching flies. The donkey, the ox and the sheep that lived in the stable thanked him for his kindness, because they were no longer bothered with the buzzing flies. That made the spider very happy.

One night, exactly at midnight, the grey spider was awakened by a brilliant light. He looked and saw that the light came from a manger where a tiny Child lay on the hay. The stable was filled with glory and over the Child bent a beautiful lady. Behind her stood a man with a staff in his hand and the ox, donkey and all the white sheep were down on their knees.

Suddenly a gust of cold wind swept through the stable and the Baby began to cry from the cold. His mother bent over him; but could not cover him enough to keep the baby warm.

The little spider took his silken web and laid it at Mary's feet (the lady was Mary). She took up the web and covered the baby with it. It was soft as thistle-down and warm as wool. The Child stopped his crying and smiled at the little grey spider.

Then Mary said ‘Little grey spider, for this great gift to the Babe, you may have anything you wish’.

“Most of all” said the spider. “I wish to be beautiful”.

“That unfortunately I cannot give” Mary answered “but this I grant you – whenever anyone sees a spider at evening it will be an omen and it will bring him good fortune”.

This made the little spider very happy and to this day, on Christmas Eve, we cover the tree with ‘angels’ hair’ in memory of the little spider and his silken thread.

A Polish Folk Tale – Marguerite Angelli



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 contributions that can be included. Recently we received a tub full of such cards and will be able to provide information for many newsletters to come.

A HUGE thank you to Jeff for his interest. In this edition we have highlighted four such cards with quite diverse information.

“An Appeal to Heaven”

Originally known as Washington's Cruisers Flag, this white flag with green pine trees, was adapted as the ensign of the Massachusetts Navy on April 29th 1776. The wild pine was a symbol of freedom. The original Colonial coin, the Pine Shilling, had originated there also.



With elm, instead of pine, the Liberty Tree Flag was formalised. The wording was derived from an early Massachusetts document – “Appealing to Heaven for Justice” – ignored by the King.

C 1971 – Sturbridge Yankee Workshop, Sturbridge, Massachusetts.



“The Drummer”

The American Drummer deck of playing cards was designed to reflect the spirit and determination of the people who fought for and won independence for America.

The picture cards portray our Statesmen, our Generals, our spirited American women and our Soldiers.

The American Drummer deck was designed by artist Roy Lipstreu, Lakewood Ohio.

C 1975 – Amer.Drum



“Courtyard of the Little Theatre”

For the half century pre-ceding the Civil War, New Orleans was an important centre in the theatrical world. The population of the city, made up in large part of pleasure loving Latins, was quick to support the first effort to establish a theatre.

To-day Le Petit Theatre du Vieux Carre, 616 St Peter Street still carries on the tradition of theatre loving New Orleans and is one of the most delightful rendezvous of the French Quarter. New Orleans is but an hour away on Illinois Central trains.

**Advertisement
for Illinois
Central
Railway**



“Flower prints”

These are unusually fine garden bouquet prints and keen examples of the inimitable French specialization in flower painting.

Beautiful flower arrangements originated as a Chinese tribute to the heavens. Flowers were not merely assembled for the colour effects;

but each position of various flowers had symbolical significance.

This Chinese art reached the Europeans and inspired them with new ideas for flower arrangements and paintings of flowers, as we see them today.

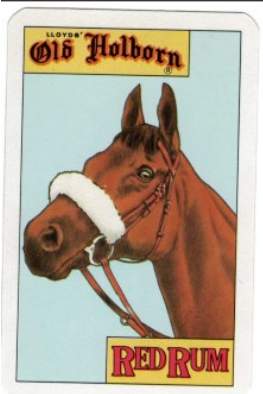
Guild Bouquet is modernly up to date with its definitely feminine background.

Guild Western Playing Cards



Card History

“ Red Rum”



By Quorum out of Mared, Bay gelding 16.2 hands.

Rummy started his racing career as a two year old 11 years ago when he dead heat-ed at Aintree. Since then he has been the winner of 27 races.

Favourite of millions of fans all over the world Red Rum needs no introduction as the Grand Master of the Grand National having created an all-time record by having won the world's toughest steeple chase three times and finishing runner-up twice in the last five years.

This magnificent horse has travelled over 300 miles over something in excess of 1,800 hurdles and fences; he has been ridden by 24 different jockeys before going on to Grand National glory where he was ridden by two renowned jockeys Brian Fletcher and Tommy Stack.

Undisputedly the best of his of his national victories was his first in 1973 when he jumped the last fence 15 lengths behind the magnificent Crisp to get up in a dramatic finish to win the last few strides, knocking 19 seconds off the previous record.

The 1977 race was the most memorable creating an all-time record of three Grand Nationals.

In 1978 he was again the favourite despite carrying top weight. A week before the race, despite being in wonderful condition, he bruised his heel. He had extensive treatment: however the vet advised that 'the old warrior' was not fit to run. Thus ended the racing career of a 'living legend'.

His retirement will be spent in the care of his trainer at Southport, where from time to time, he will be undoubtedly seen on the sands he loves.

Christmas! - courtesy of Leo Babauta Zen Habits



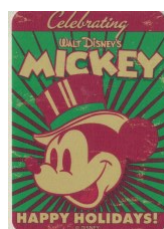
As we dive into the holiday season, it's easy to feel overwhelmed, rushed, even irritated by family members and others around us. I'd like to encourage you to try a mindfulness practice.



- Notice each time you feel rushed, anxious or overwhelmed. Try to develop an awareness of it throughout the day. The sooner you can catch it, the better. Make it a game: try to see it when it happens, as often as you can.
- When you feel rushed, catch yourself and pause. Notice your mental habit of rushing, rushing to the next thing. Don't let yourself waste your time with that habit. Instead, try building a new mental pattern: pausing, relaxing with the feeling that's in your body, and then doing the single task in front of you, letting that be your entire world. Trust that you'll be able to handle the next task after it without worrying about it right now. Enjoy the doing of the task in front of you.
- When you feel anxious, catch yourself and pause. Notice your mental habit of letting anxiety carry you off into a chain reaction of worry. Don't let yourself waste your time with that habit. Instead, try building a new mental pattern: pausing, relaxing with the feeling that's in your body, and then trusting that you can handle the uncertainty in front of you. Embrace the uncertainty and smile at it, relaxing into it.
- When you feel overwhelmed, catch yourself and pause. Notice your mental habit of thinking about all you have to do and feeling anxious about being able to do it all. Don't let yourself waste your time with that habit. Instead, try building a new mental pattern: pausing, relaxing with the feeling that's in your body, taking things one task at a time, breathing and enjoying that task. Trust that you'll be able to do everything you need to do, and that you'll be OK.

This is the practice. As you can see, it's basically the same for all three (related) mental patterns, and it takes practice.

You'll mess up, but that's OK. Smile and enjoy the practice.



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 are Limited
 Edition Club
 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 4th 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 Clubs 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

September: Jeff Dalton, Loretta Jacobe, Roger Morris, Pam Ogilvie

October: Roger Baird, Lyn Brown, Jeff Dalton, Dianne Carroll, Amy Elliott, Jenny Elliott, Bobby McWhirter, John McWhirter, Liz Murphy

November: Roger Baird, Rosie Bishop, Ray Boxshall, Dianne Carroll, Linda Horner, Bobby McWhirter, John McWhirter, Terri Stewart, Gayle Warren



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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