

BRIDGING THE GAP



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Carole Littlechild
President

As I stated in the last BTG repairs and renovations to the Club were underway and several projects have now been completed.



These being the roof repair, the drain at the back of the club, the Director's area, a new driveway and the replacement of the old air-conditioner in the foyer. In addition a new sliding door giving more access to the patio area has been installed in the playing area.

The defibrillator has been purchased and St. John's has demonstrated its use.

None of this could have been achieved within the 3 months since the AGM without such a dedicated Committee. The planning, organisation and time spent on behalf of the club has been marvellous and my thanks to all of them for all the hard work they have put in, especially since I took off on holiday and left them to it before completion.

More projects are planned for the New Year including the guttering across the front of the building and the upgrade of the meter box. Quotes are currently being obtained.

I am looking forward to 2020 and what it will bring to the club in its 50th year. There will certainly be a birthday celebration, what form it will take has still to be decided so watch this space.

The Committee and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and rewarding New Year with plenty of good Bridge games to enjoy.

VALE DAVID CHARTERS 1931-2019

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Life Member David Charters.



David lived a full life and was greatly admired and respected by all who knew him. He was deeply loved by Joscelyn, Rod and their families.

He enjoyed playing bridge and will be sadly missed at the Club.

Condolences to his family.

REMINISCENCES OF DAVID CHARTERS

Provided by Len Pratt

David and his wife Claudine (like myself) were Founding Members of KDBC. He was the Club's first President.

For reasons unknown, David and Claudine ceased playing at KDBC. I believe they preferred to play at WABC. Possibly because the standard was higher.

Sometime in the early eighties, David's father Alan joined the Kalamunda Tennis Club. David also joined the Tennis Club around that time.

The tennis club used to have a competition called the Parent and Child Event. The only restriction was that the parent had to be a member of the senior club and the child a member of the junior club. Since Alan and David did not qualify, and I was Club Captain at the time, I was able to organise a game between Alan and David against me and my son Phillip. Even after all these years, that game was one of my fondest tennis memories.

As mentioned in the September Edition of BTG, David was a keen squash player. I too dabbled at the game. Quite frequently, at the centre near the Council Chambers, David would be playing against a Michael (another Judge) on a court adjacent to the one I was playing on. Some of the language, while not obscene, was not very Judge like. Ratbag being an example.

I retired in 1993. David was still on the Bench of the WA District Court. Occasionally my phone would ring in the late morning. It's David here Court

finished early, would you like a game of golf. Generally the answer was yes. When his regular partner wasn't available, David would ask me to play with him at WABC.

Farewell to absolutely wonderful gentleman.

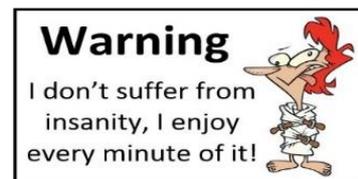


Len and Phil celebrating our birthdays at the Cedar Lakes Golf Resort, Pokolbin, Hunter Valley

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Tips on bidding and play

Elizabeth Bazen



During bidding:

- Preserve the bidding cards by not using them. Instead, try:
 - Knocking on the table (rather than passing)
 - Kicking your partner under the table (rather than doubling)
 - Waving your arms above your head (rather than bidding 7NT)
- If you do need to use the bidding cards, be sure to touch as many cards as possible, so that your partner knows every bid you are considering. This will help them to decide what they should bid.
- If your partner makes a bid that you don't like, consider all options to convey your displeasure, including gasping, smacking your forehead, and kicking them under the table.

When playing dummy:

- Help declarer out by commenting on the cards, such as:
 - “You might make it, if the finesses work”;
 - “The table's good now”; and
 - “One kick means ‘bid 3NT’, right?”
- Hover your hand over the card you think declarer will want to play next, especially if you think that declarer might forget to draw trumps, or which cards have come good.
- Be sure to play any obvious card before declarer calls for it.

After the hand is played:

- When your partner, or the opposition, do badly be sure to tell them exactly how their cards should have been bid and played. Take all the cards out of the board, if necessary, and spread them on the table to illustrate your points. (If they still do not understand, kick them under the table until they concede your point.)
- When talking about the hand, be sure to speak loudly enough that players at all other tables can hear. Everyone will appreciate hearing your opinion of the cards and play.
- Sometimes the director may call for “Quiet, please!” – don't worry, this only applies to other people, to ensure that you can hear yourself talking.
- And don't worry about the bridgemate, the director can always make up a result for you later, if you forget to put it in.



AROUND THE CLUB

Thank you Ian Medlycott



By now members will have noticed the relocation of the Director's station and the new furniture that goes with it. The committee would like to acknowledge and thank Ian Medlycott for his workmanship and efforts

in the construction of the original work station which served the Club well. The new position is working well, keeps the doorway free of members waiting to see results and will provide extra bridge table space if the need arises.

Ian also did a lot of maintenance jobs for the club over many years that saved money when the club was less financially flush than it is now. For example he repaired/maintained light fittings (often seen up a ladder changing light globes), and reinforced chairs as they became weakened.

Thank you Ian for contribution to the club over many years.

Welcome Visitors



Heather Jewell-Tate was in WA recently from her home in Victoria to catch up with among others, her very good friend David Charters. She was a very welcome visitor to the club on Monday 14

October and played with her old bridge partner, Sandra Hoffman.

Also visiting the club are Chris and Paula Parkin from Minehead, West Somerset, UK. They are visiting family and we may see them from time to time over the coming weeks.

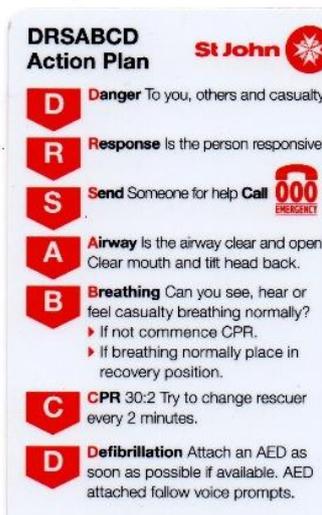


DEFIBRILLATOR DEMONSTRATION



St John's provided a demonstration on how to utilise the defibrillator recently purchased by the club. I would have gone straight to the defibrillator in an emergency but I sure learned that was far from the case, there being a number of

steps before the defibrillator comes into play. The steps are as follows:



Members are encouraged to make themselves familiar with the above steps and a number of the cards are available at the club.

Thank you Raewyn for a thorough presentation of the procedure.

Those members who do not wish to be revived need to be aware that they need to have a current DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) Order in place.

The DNR forms are available from the WA Health Department (Advance Health Directive) and need to be witnessed by two people (one of whom must be a person authorised to witness statutory declarations) at the same time the person completing the forms signs. It tells health care providers and emergency medical personnel **not** to do CPR on your older adult if they stop breathing or if their heart stops beating. The DNR is only a decision about CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). The list of Do Not Resuscitate people will also be held near the defibrillator.

It is proposed to have the machine located outside the kitchen door near the first aid box. However the committee is still addressing how it should be stored – whether there is a need for a shelf or because the temperature the room can get to on hot days when bridge is not being played, a polystyrene box.

It should be noted that a pair of scissors and a razor will be in the blue compartment at the back of the defibrillator to be utilised for the cutting of clothing and shaving the hairy chests!

MAINTENANCE REPORT

New Driveway

The Management Committee has identified a number of projects requiring attention at the Club, one being to replace the old driveway.

In early September the management committee obtained two quotes to replace the old driveway. Creative Driveways (16 850 approx) and Castafaro & Clark (\$11 550 approx) were the two tenderers. The Castafaro quote was significantly lower yet its scope included:

- 100mm thick 25MPa concrete.
- SL62 steel mesh throughout.
- Pad footings to anchor the slab to stop it sliding downhill over time.
- Storm water management with contoured edges and a subtle culvert at the base to direct water into the adjacent storm water drain.

The management committee approved the Castafaro quote and asked John Shinnick to liaise with Tony Castafaro to start work in mid-October. John had a mild panic attack when Tony was

uncontactable prior to the start date however work to remove the old driveway commenced on schedule on the 15 October. The new slab was poured in separate sections over three days and was completed on the 18th of October followed by a few days of curing. John Shinnick and Phil Snook completed the works by finessing the carpark gravel to integrate it with the new concrete driveway.

During construction and curing the adjacent oval was made available for parking. The club borrowed the key to the oval's gate from the Shire of Kalamunda and Stephen Thyer kindly unlocked and relocked the gate before and after each session. The driveway is now fully functional and Castafaro and Clark have done an excellent job. Many thanks must go to John Shinnick for arranging the quote and liaising with Tony before and during construction, and for saving the club roughly \$4500.

Thanks also to club members for their co-operation in utilising the temporary parking facilities.



Driveway before work



Driveway after work

RECRUITMENT & TRAINING

KDBC Library

We have some new bridge books in our library which are mostly about:

- Standard American strong no trump bidding;
- Two Over One bidding using Standard American 1 no trump; and
- Playing techniques for beginners and intermediate players.

These books, and any other bridge books, are available to borrow free of cost to any member of the club. All you have to do is put your name and the title of the book in the borrowing book which lives on the bookcase, date and sign it and please remember to return it as soon as you can.

The novels on the other side of the bookcase can be bought for \$1 and the money left in the container provided.

Bruce Cowen (the KDBC Librarian) and Jenny Tedeschi have culled quite a few of the old bridge books from the bookcase. They have been left on the table in the playing room for anybody who would like to take them. All we ask is a gold coin donation for each book.

Monday Night 23/12/2019 Beginners Practise

Monday night supervision on the 23 of December will be cancelled. Too close to Christmas day!

Fiske Warren – Standard American Strong 1 no trump training session 22/1/2020

This will be run on Wednesday 22 January 2020 at 9:30 am. Please consider coming - put it in your diary.



NEW MEMBERS



The Kalamunda District Bridge Club welcomes Helen Ottosson. We look forward to seeing Helen at regular club sessions in the very near future.

By way of introduction, learning to play Bridge has been on my to do list for many years. After retiring a couple of years ago, I took the first available opportunity to attend ACOL lessons with Peter Smith at the WA Bridge Club. But, for various reasons, I didn't pursue playing Bridge at that time.



Fast forward another couple of years to June this year when I made the "Tree Change" to move from Claremont to Kalamunda to be closer to my Hills resident daughter and her family. After hearing of my bridge dreams, my new hairdresser put me in contact with Rosemary Offer who, over a lovely phone call, extolled the virtues of KDBC, as did Jenny Tedeschi when I made contact with her. So, I am now attending the beginners Monday evening sessions and enjoying the great mentoring. I am also attending the current Fiske Warren classes, learning American Standard.

So the adventure has begun, and I am looking forward to reaching a stage when I am confident enough to attend the regular bridge sessions.

DO YOU NEED A PARTNER?

Anita Davis (0448282164) is the club partner co-ordinator.

RECENT RANK PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following members who have achieved Masterpoint promotions

Marlene Robertson	1 Star Local Master.
Kit Lemann	2 Star Local Master
David Harris	Local Master
Gordon Brown	Life Master

70% Club

7 December Gerry Daly/Stephen Thyer

7NT Club (October - December 2019)

2 October	D & J Charters
4 October	B Hansen/M Myburgh
12 October	M & M Pepper E McMillen/M McRobbie C Sexton/C Zamudio
18 October	JP Tedeschi/B Daxter
24 October	El Bazen/D Borger
5 November	W Harman/B Hansen B & C Daxter
13 November	K Prance/K Elliman
14 November	JP Tedeschi/C Zamudio
30 November	R Willemssen/D Kininmonth

WELFARE OFFICER

Please contact Anita Davis on 0448282164 or at the club if you know of a member who is ill, hospitalised or suffering bereavement and Anita will respond accordingly on behalf of the club.



to the following members who will celebrate birthdays over the following three months:

January

Kerry Elliman
Wendy Dodd
Colin Meek
Joanne James
Maureen Keast
Frank Memeo
Anne Todd
Eleanor Rowley

February

Betty Roberts
Kay Prance
Nic Moniodis
Mike Pepper
Eleanor Bennett
Judith Poole
John Offer
Doug Hegarty
Kristine Nunn
Lyn Shinnick
Trevor Williams
Kate Sayer

March

Sheila Pryce
Jenny Tedeschi
Marlene Robertson
Shirley Eaton
Jenny Reid
Graeme Hartley

DID YOU KNOW?

Two club members plus one did a bike trip from Geraldton to Perth recently. This is their story:

Geraldton to Perth Bike Ride – Jean Paul Tedeschi and John Shinnick

Jean Paul and John with John's golfing buddy Les recently pedalled the 626 kilometres from Geraldton. Apparently, it was done because they could, and to prove that "Life is about Memories, not Dreams".



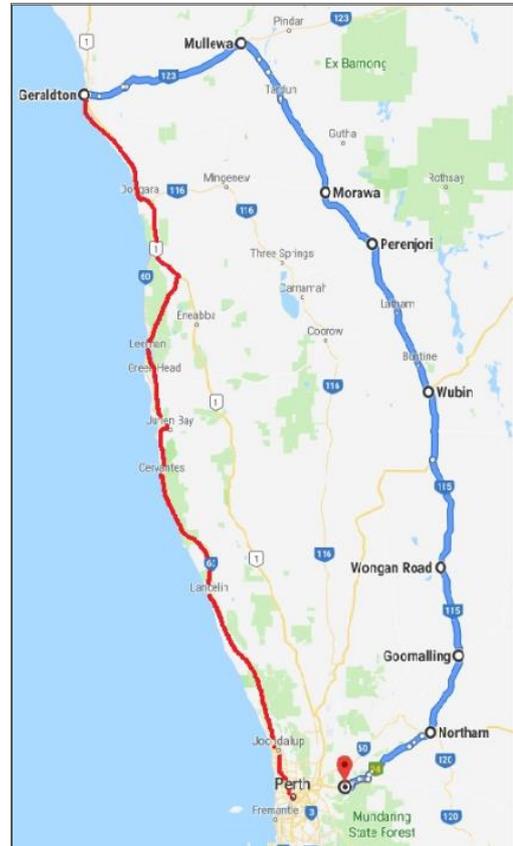
John, JP and Les in Geraldton

They bussed to Geraldton, biked the Midwest wildflower route, stayed in eight towns and took 8 days to complete the ride. Statistically the intrepids averaged 78 kilometres a day at 15 kph. The following map traces their adventure:

John's comment on the trip was that "Three guys spending nine days in continuous company on the road, in caravan parks, pubs, breakfast, lunch and dinner need to be a special bunch to remain friends – we emerged that special bunch and we are proud of it".

Apparently, the end of day visits to the "local", the serenity of the bush, being removed from the hurly burly and reconnecting with nature all added to the joy of the trip, and why they would do it again.

Well Done Boys



Legend

-  Bus Route
-  Bike Route

LONG TIME PARTNERS WHO PLAY BRIDGE AND LIVE TOGETHER



Carole and Brian Dexter first met at the Kalamunda Bridge Club in 1983. But it wasn't until they were invited by different partners to play in the Geraldton Congress that things went to the next level.

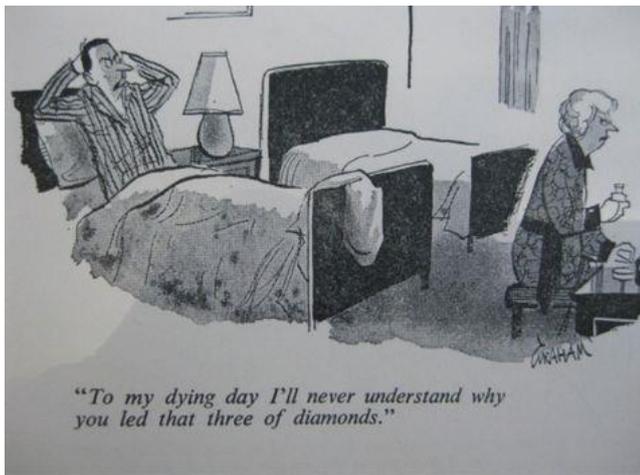
Carole and a group of players went to the local night club and it so happens Brian was also there. He spied Carole across the room and asked her to dance. There may have been an ulterior motive – Brian asked Carole if she

would teach him Precision. The rest they say is history.

The proposal took place in an unusual way at the Kalamunda Bridge Club (how appropriate). Carole was standing outside when Brian startled her in such a way that the dress ring she was wearing flew off her finger. Brian said he would put another one on and I presume it was something more sparkling, along with a proposal!

36 years later they are still enjoying life together and playing good bridge.

Well done!



BRIDGE PROBLEMS



Problem 1
Should I Open 1NT with a 5-card Major?
By Larry Cohen

This is the #1 question. If bridge teachers had a dollar for every time this question is asked, they'd be wealthy people.

Let me start by saying, that there is no "right" answer.

With 15-17 balanced, and a 5-card major, open 1NT (balanced means 5-3-3-2. With 5-4-2-2, open the major).

The biggest reason I have for opening 1NT is that if you don't open 1NT, you will have a major (pardon the pun) headache when it comes time to rebid. For example, say you hold:

♠Q 10 ♥A Q 10 4 2 ♦K J 2 ♣K J 3

If you open 1♥, what will you do next? Suppose partner answers with 1♠. How do you show this hand? If you rebid 1NT, you are showing less than 15. If you rebid 2NT, you are showing more than 17. That is why I prefer to start with 1NT. You have 16 balanced and if you open 1♥, you will never be able to convey that information. Whatever partner responds to 1♥, you will have trouble telling partner that you have 16 HCP.

Is there a downside? Of course. By opening with 1NT, you will sometimes miss out on a proper contract in your major. You will miss some 5-3 major-suit fits (and occasionally, even a 5-4 fit). There are conventions (such as Puppet Stayman) to get out of this mess, but those are outside the scope of this article.

I have found (in 30+ years) of experience, that my way is the best way. I have my good and bad moments, but in the long run, the money goes to the 1NT opening. Even when I do miss a 5-3 major-suit fit, I find that notrump plays just as well (and even if it is the same, it is worth a fortune at match points to get the 10 extra points for your contract).

I think it best for less-experienced players to blindly open all balanced 15-17 hands with 1NT. That is because opening with the major ends up creating annoying rebid problems. For example, players who open the hand above with 1♥, will have to invent a rebid (typically in a 3-card suit). Bridge is hard enough. Intermediate players need to keep things simple.

Problem 2
How would your partnership of North/South bid this hand? And, what contract would you reach:

Dealer East, All Vulnerable

North: (11 HCP)

♠64
♥3
♦AK105
♣A98653

South: (11HCP)

♠AQJ73
♥74
♦742
♣KJ10

(Answer on last page)

BRIDGE HUMOUR

Why the Cleaning Lady Quit!

A cleaning woman was applying for a new position. When asked why she left her last employment, she replied: - Yes sir, they paid good wages, but it was the most ridiculous place I ever worked. They played a game called Bridge, and last night a lot of folks were there. As I was about to bring in the refreshments I heard a man say: - 'Lay down and let's see what you've got!'

Another man said: -'I've got strength, but no length!' A third man said to the lady: - 'Take your hand off my trick!'

I pretty near dropped dead just then when the lady answered: - 'You forced me! You jumped me twice when you didn't have the strength for one raise!'

Another lady was talking about protecting her honour, and two others were talking when one said: - 'Now is the time for me to play with your husband and you can play with mine.'

Well, I just got my coat and hat but as I was leaving, I hope to die if one of them didn't say: - 'Well I guess we'll go home now! This is the last rubber!'

TRIVIA QUIZ

- How many eyes can be seen on a pack of cards?
 - 12
 - 24
 - 48
 - 42
- Which of these stars of the golden screen was a bridge player?
 - Bette Davies
 - Errol Flyn
 - Lawrence Olivier
 - John Wayne

- Omar Sharif represented Egypt at Bridge and what other sport?
 - Tennis
 - Chess
 - Soccer
 - Backgammon
- Which tennis star uses bridge games as opportunities for relaxation? When she travels, she likes to find nearby bridge clubs and join in. She once said, 'No matter where I go, I can always make new friends at the bridge table.'
- The bidding goes pass by you, 1♥ by left hand opponent, double by partner, pass by right hand opponent. What's your bid?

FUTURE EVENTS 2020

JANUARY

Mix & Match	Saturday 11
Individual	Monday 13 & 20
Australia Day	Saturday 25

FEBRUARY

Day Time Pairs	Saturday 8 & 15
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MARCH

KDBC Congress:	Sat/Sun 14/15
Mixed Pairs	Wednesday 18 & 25

APRIL

Daytime Teams	Friday 10 & 17
Mix & Match	Saturday 25

MAY

GNOT	Saturday 2 – two sessions 9.30 am & 1.00 pm
Restricted Pairs	Monday 18 & 25

JUNE

Ladies & Men's Pairs	Friday 12 & 19
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JULY

Open Teams	Wednesday 11 & 18
Christmas in July	Saturday 25

AUGUST

AGM	Saturday 15
Open Pairs	Monday 17 & 24

SEPTEMBER

Mix & Match Saturday 12
Novice Plate Monday 21

OCTOBER

New Event
Bonanza Week 5,7,9 & 3 November

NOVEMBER

Mix & Match Saturday 18

DECEMBER

Xmas Party Saturday 12

SOCIAL EVENTS

MELBOURNE CUP CELEBRATIONS



Winners on the day:

1st N/S Bente Hansen/Wendy Harman
2nd Mark Pezzali/Betty Roberts

1st E/W Jacqueline Keir/Jim Steel
2nd* Joe Louis/Stephen Thyer

Seen enjoying the day:



L-R Lyn & John Shinnick, Rob & Carole McMahon



L-R Renee Wylie, Julie Bechelli, Robin Ward, Anita Davis



L-R Jane Pike, Marg McRobbie, Marie-Fran Van Hall



L-R Jaqueline Keir, Betty Roberts, Jim Steel, Mark Pezzali



L-R Isobel Nikoloff, Jenny Tedeschi & Sita Weggelaar



L-R Carole Sexton, Joe Louis, Cherry Zamudio



L-R Sheila Pryce, Wendy Harman, Gordon Brown, Bente Hansen



L-R Margaret McRobbie, Robin Hood (aka Stephen Thyer), Jenny Tedeschi

WHO HAS BEEN MISSED AROUND THE CLUB?

Carol Dickie has been missing due to the fact she had a hip replacement on 24 October. All went well with the op. Look forward to seeing you back at the club soon.

KALAMUNDA BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS - OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2019

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS

Congratulations to the following club members who have achieved great results in recent months.

HGR RESTRICTED SWISS PAIRS

2nd Joanne Payne/Joe Louis

KALAMUNDA CLUB

RESTRICTED PAIRS

1st Marlene Robertson/Lyn Shinnick

2nd Kristine Nunn/Derick Johnston

NOVICE PLATE

1st Wendy Dodd/ Sherrill Duncan

2nd Gladys Lourvanij/Jean Rackman

OPEN TEAMS

1st Kit and Tom Lemann/Joe Louis and Nic Moniodis

2nd Rory O'Hanlon, Lynne Roberts, Elizabeth Bazen and Denise Borger

KNOCK OUT

1st Carmen Jackson/Wendy Harman

2nd Tom Lemann/Anita Davis







2019 PRIZE WINNERS

Individual – Frank Parker Plate – Sandra Hoffman



Women's Pairs – Constance McCullough Cup –
Madge Myburgh and Bente Hansen



Men's Pairs – Rex Mizen Cup – Tom Lemann and
Stephen Thyer



Mixed Pairs – Elfrieda MacLean Trophy – Bente
Hansen and Joe Louis



**Daytime Pairs (fewer than 300 Masterpoints)
DVG Cup – Guy Gaudet and Joe Louis**



**Daytime Teams – Gordon Brown, Sheila Pryce,
Stephen Thyer, Peter Clark (absent in photo)**



Stephen Thyer Awards!

**Open Pairs – Mike Hopper
Shield - With Peter Clarke
(absent)**



**Friday Champion Pairs –
Venture Cup – with Alan
Harper (absent)**



Most Masterpoints



**Open Teams – (The Teams) – Sylvia Parker Plate
Tom & Kit Lemann, Joe Louis, Nic Moniodis
(absent)**



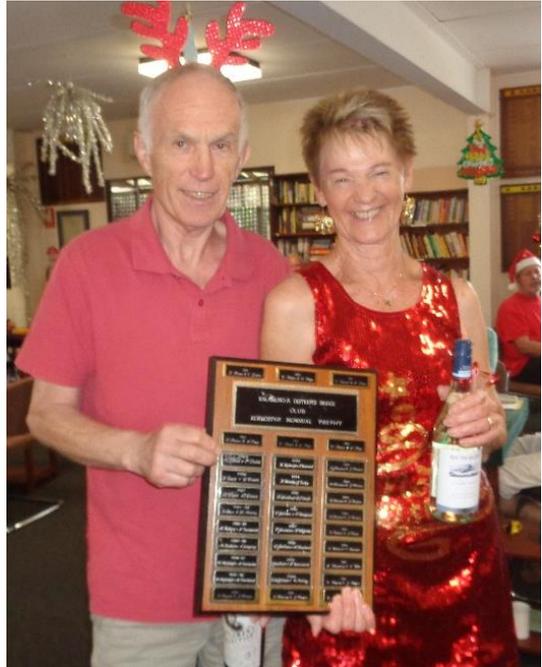
**Restricted Pairs (fewer than 50 Masterpoints) –
Gerry Riley Vase Trophy – Lyn Shinnick and
Marlene Robertson**



Novice Pairs (fewer than 15 Masterpoints) – Susan Collinson Plate - Sherrill Duncan and Wendy Dodd



Champion Pair – Monday Morning – Gordon Brown and Sheila Pryce



Knockout Pairs – Wendy Harman and Carmen Jackson



Champion Pair – Wednesday Afternoon – Doris Broad Plate – Ann Todd and Carmen Jackson



Most Improved Pair – Mercia O’Meara Trophy – Vicki Russell and Mike Grenfell (no photo available)

**Saturday Afternoon Champion Pair – Mike Nestor Cup –
Elizabeth Bazen and Denise Borger**



Answers to trivia quiz

- 1 – 42
- 2 – John Wayne
- 3 – Soccer
- 4 - Martina Navratilova
- 5 - Bid your best suit, even with 0 points

Answer to card hand

All vulnerable and dealer is East:

	North	
	♠64	
	♥3	
	♦AK105	
	♣A98653	
West (3HP)		East (15HCP)
♠92		♠K1085
♥10982		♥AKQJ65
♦QJ983		♦6
♣74		♣Q2
	South	
	♠AQJ73	
	♥74	
	♦742	
	♣KJ10	

Results: (Taken from a hand played at the Northam Bridge Club)

N/S can make 6 Clubs, and 4 Spades (plus 1 D)

E/W can make 2 Hearts.

Did your partnership bid The 6 clubs? If you didn't can you see a way you might have bid it within your system?

CLUB SPONSORS



Who drives this vehicle to bridge? None other than one of our sponsors (John Paul Tedeschi!). Was it just a whim or always a dream to own a MG? The latter I suspect!



As 2019 draws to a close, we would like to thank everyone who has supported the club through its many events and also contributions to the BTG magazine.

We hope you have a happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you at the club in 2020.

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