



BRIDGING THE GAP



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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

New President

There have been a few changes in the position of President in recent times. Carole Littlechild is currently acting in the position. The position will be filled on a permanent basis at the AGM due to be held in August. As such there is no message from the President for this edition.

New Editor/s



Carol Dickie and Betty Roberts have agreed to be co-editors of Bridging the Gap and would appreciate being corrected where mistakes are made and informed of anything that members feel worthwhile including in the magazine.

REMINDERS



SATURDAY 27th JULY 11.45 am for 12 noon start. Meats provided by the Club, one plate per partnership, Raffles and lucky spot prizes,

Volunteers are required for cooking duties for the monthly sausage sizzles. It is not a very onerous task and the more members who put their hands up the less number of times you will have to do this task throughout the year. Please consider putting your name forward to the Dianne Barker.





ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 10 August 2019 at 11.30 am. All members are encouraged to attend. A sausage sizzle will follow the proceedings.

AROUND THE CLUB

NEW MEMBERS

The Kalamunda Bridge Club welcomes the following members:

The following are home club members:

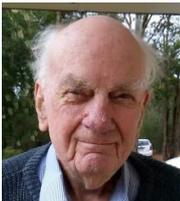


Peter Bolden

Cheryl Connolly
Frank Memeo
Diane Quarles
Michael Burgess

Lloyd Hatfield
Isobel Nikoloff
Ronnie Malthouse

The following are new alternate members:



David Charters - David is a founding member of the Kalamunda Bridge Club who has since returned to the club.



Colin Meek

Members seen enjoying supervised session on Monday night.



From the left Michael Burgess, Peter Bolden, Maureen Keast, Evonne Sarich

RANK PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following members who have achieved Masterpoint promotions January – April 2019:

January		March	
Derick Johnston	Club	Ted Brereton	Local **
Jim Steel	Local*	Michael Barker	Regional
Joanne Payne	National*		
February		April	
Peter Daniel	Club	Lorraine Stivey	Club
Kerry Elliman	Local*	Michael Pepper	Local*
Jacqueline Keir	Local*	Lyn Shinnick	Local*
Diane Smith	State*	Brian Daxter	State*
		Joseph Gaudet	National

70% Club

Brian and Carole Daxter –	73.33% Wednesday 12 June 2019.
Stephen Thyer and Peter Clark	75.76% Wednesday 19 June 2019
Peter Cameron/Doug Hegarty	73% Wednesday 26 June 2019

7NT Club (April-June 2019)

John/Rosemary Offer	1 April	Carole Littlechild/Kaye Prance	26 April
Betty Roberts/Elizabeth McMillen	1 April	Betty Roberts/Elizabeth McMillen	29 April
Stephen Thyer/Joseph Gaudet	1 April	Carole Daxter/Brian Daxter	29 April
Brian Davison/Ted Brereton	1 April	Stephen Thyer/Peter Clarke	29 April
Sheilagh Thomas/Audrey Totterdell	8 April	Ted Brereton/Brian Davison	10 May
Jenny Tedeschi/Margaret McRobbie	8 April	Carol Dickie/Betty Roberts	22 May
Carol Dickie/Betty Roberts	26 April	Judith Poole/Barbara Bibby	19 June
Alan Harper/Stephen Thyer	26 April	Nic Moniodis/Madge Myburgh	19 June
Michael Barker/Sandra Hoffman	26 April	Jane Pike/Peter Clarke	24 June

Thank you

Val Parker has advised the club she will no longer be available to be a director at club sessions. On behalf of all members a big thank you to Val for the contribution she has made to Kalamunda Bridge Club and we wish her well for the future. It would be great to see Val back at the club at some time in the future.

WELFARE OFFICER

Please contact Anita Davis on 0488282164 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.

PS - Really sorry to hear, at this writing, of Anita's current injury. When this goes to press she will probably be back at the Club.



A typical session of bridge at the Club – can you see yourself?

The following are pictures of players in the Knock Out competition played on 3 June 2019.



Julie Bechelli/Sandra Hoffman v JP/Guy Gaudet



Sheila Price/Gordon Brown v Betty Roberts/Elizabeth McMillen

Did You Know?

43.6 percent of all slam contracts fail.

62.7 percent of all bridge players are women.

97.8 percent of all bridge statistics, including these, are made up.

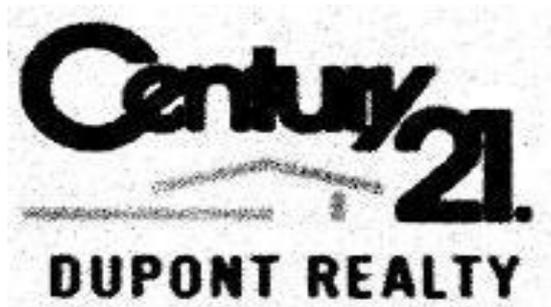
Team Event Kalamunda A v Kalamunda B



Bruce Cowan, Michael Pepper, Robin Ward, Mary Pepper



Ted Brereton, Diane Barker, Ian Purcell, Jenny Tedeschi



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MEMBER PROFILE



ELIZABETH MCMILLEN

The following is provided by Cherry Zamudio who interviewed Elizabeth in her role as editor of South Perth Bridge Club newsletter and has agreed to share this for inclusion in the Kalamunda BTG.

"I spent an hilarious thirty minutes with Elizabeth. Her personality exudes fun and confidence. Without too much prompting I learned just a little of her life and I am delighted to bring it to you.

I have known Elizabeth for many years, yet now I realise I did not know her at all. Elizabeth, who is

the youngest of three children, was born in Tasmania at Lake Margaret, which I understand is the second wettest place in Australia with annually over 200 inches of rain. Elizabeth went to school in Queenstown and Hobart and decided to become a nurse but declared she was a dreadful nurse and after a year, switched to Physiotherapy and trained in Melbourne. After her training, Canada seemed to be an exciting place to work, yet the flight to Canada took three whole days-Auckland, Fiji, Hawaii, Vancouver, and finally across the Rockies to Alberta. After two years of hard work, fun and friendship, another move and this time to the Royal Homeopathic Hospital in London. With shrieks of laughter Elizabeth said she only learned the meaning of Homeopathic two weeks before she left.

From London a happy return to Australia where she met her husband Stanley. They lived in Melbourne where their first son was born and then they were transferred to Southern Cross where they lived in a Caravan and Elizabeth worked at the hospital in Merredin. The next transfer was to Kalgoorlie where Elizabeth was the first Physio to be employed full time at the Hospital in Kalgoorlie. By this time number two son had arrived and Elizabeth tells me that all three of her boys were called 'Jane' before they were born as each time she hoped for a girl!! Such interesting years where Elizabeth in her physio position at the hospital worked with the hospital boiler makers designing and making splints for her patients. Today that would never be entertained but back then it was the difference between using a limb or maybe not! Finally, the family were transferred to Perth and Elizabeth worked, until, and to her horror, she was made redundant at age seventy-two! Elizabeth says her three sons say that her claim to fame is knitting Nativity Scenes and making the best Pavlova ever. Each son has a knitted Nativity scene and each son pretends to love them but Elizabeth says it just shows what good sons they are!!!!

And so, where does Bridge fit into this busy life? The beginning was in Kalgoorlie but this was followed by lessons in Kalamunda with Audrey Townsend and thereafter several other teachers. Elizabeth said, that as she came into the mainstream bridge sessions, she made a judgement on the time it would take her to get to the first rung of the points ladder, and estimated that she would be two hundred years old before she became a State Master, and nearly gave up there and then! But today Elizabeth plays very successfully with other partners at Swans and Kalamunda and she loves the game.

Thank you, Elizabeth. I enjoyed the interview hugely, and good luck in the future and we will see you at the bridge table!!"

DID YOU KNOW?



Congratulation to Rob and Carole McMahon who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on 26 July. Well done.



to the following members who will celebrate birthdays over the following three months, one of whom we hear will become an octogenarian. We hear also that Carole Sexton had a special birthday in June. Congratulations Carole. (If we missed mentioning a member's birthday please advise Betty or Carol.).

July

Alan Haprer
Philip Snook
Peter Clarke
Lorraine Stivey
Julie Bechelli
Michael Barker
Helen Brown Cooper
Catherine Gabites
Ronnie Malthouse
Joanne Payne
Michael Pepper
Diane Smith
Sheila Thomas

August

JP
Sandra Hoffman
Kit Lemann
Carole Daxter
Guy Gaudet
Ron Middleton
Audrey Totterdell

September

Barbara Guelfi
Jim Steel
Sita Weggelarr
Brian Daxter
Bernadette McStraveick
Mark Pezzali
Bob Steer
Renee Wylie
Cherry Zamudio

SWAN DISTRICTS BRIDGE CLUB IS MOVING

As from the 1 July 2019 the Swan Districts Bridge Club is moving to new premises at the RSL Community and Sporting Club.

The address is 2 Purton Place, Bellevue - To get there –

- *From West & North Take Lloyd St, Right into Clayton St, Under bridge, Left into Rason Parade*
- *From East – Left into Croydon St then right into either Alice or Albert St left into Miller St*
- *From South & Kalamunda – Exit Roe Highway at Clayton, Right under Bridge, left into Rason Parade*

HALF TIME DISCUSSIONS BY MEMBERS!



Sue Hillan, Mark Pezzali, Rob McMahon, Elizabeth McMillen and the rear view I believe is Joe Louis.

Eleanor Rowley and David Harris in deep discussion



PAST MEMBERS

Rory O'Toole



Rory's daughter forwarded the following article (by Marion Davey, President, Arafura Bridge Club) for the information of members.

Rory is currently the oldest regular bridge play in the Top End. He was born in 1920 and will hopefully celebrate his 100th birthday next year in December.

Rory started to play bridge when he was 11 years old and still in primary school. His early fascination with playing bridge was a result of his upbringing in colonial East Africa where bridge playing was a regular occupation and the children always watched the adults and started to learn the game.

Following illness, he was despatched to Ireland to continue his schooling and did not play bridge again until returning to Africa by ship in 1937. He and a friend played rubber bridge so well that they accumulated a great deal of pocket money throughout the voyage.

Rory then took a sabbatical from bridge while working until 1972 when he returned to Ireland following the nationalisation of his East African role as Director of Post and Telecommunications.

He then played regularly in Ireland until transferring to Australia in 1982 where he played at the Kalamunda Bridge Club.

He relocated to Darwin in 2016 and is an extremely popular and enthusiastic member of DBC and ABC playing usually 2 times a week with a variety of partners who all benefit from his vast experience and great sense of humour.

Rory has so far amassed 765.82 master points and sets an example to us all of how to make the most from life [and bridge].

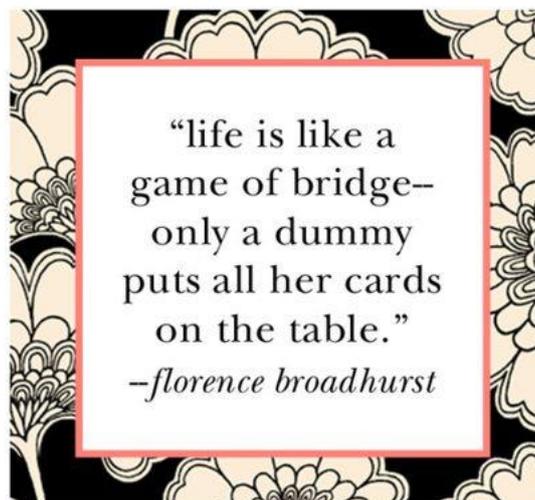
Rory's daughter also advised that he is doing very well and getting enjoyment out of life and bridge and suggests members might like to start saving for his 100th birthday in Darwin in December 2020.

BRIDGE HUMOUR



“The real test of a bridge player isn’t keeping out of trouble, but in escaping once he’s in in it” – Alfred Sheinwold.

“Never, but never forget you are playing with a partner. It pays to consider what things may look like from partner’s point of view, particularly when you are privy to information that partner isn’t.” – Eddie Kantar



➤ Professional Opinion

Bill: My cardiologist says I can’t play bridge.

Tom: Why not? Do you have some kind of heart problem?

Bill: No. He’s just played with me enough to know I’m hopeless.

BRIDGE ETHICS

The Management Committee have recently looked at their guidelines regarding Bridge etiquette. Two new documents have been created and you will see these on the walls and playing tables in the Clubrooms. These are provided to help members have a better understanding of the correct etiquette for playing bridge and to enjoy their game.

Happy bridging from everyone in the Management Committee.

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF BRIDGE

- 1 Thou shalt not come to the club with a streaming cold.**
- 2 Thou shalt not come to the club at the very last minute, without notifying the director.**
- 3 Thou shalt not violate the code of conduct.**
- 4 Thou shalt not arrive at a table without greeting thine opponents.**
- 5 Thou shalt not leave the table without thanking thine opponents.**
- 6 Thou shalt not gloat over a favourable result.**
- 7 Thou shalt not discuss a previous board at length.**
- 8 Thou shalt not tell opponents how they could have made a contract.**
- 9 Thou shall not end the session without thanking thy partner, however badly he or she has played.**
- 10 Thou shall not leave the club without thanking the director and putting away bidding boxes.**



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KDBC BRIDGE ETIQUETE

- Bridge is a game to be enjoyed. Please consider the wellbeing of your fellow club members.

It would be appreciated if members could observe the following:

PLEASE:

- Don't come to the club with a cold or the flu. Stay home and get better.
- Be seated at your table at least ten minutes before start of the session.
- Greet your opponents at the beginning of each round and thank them at the end of each round.
- Congratulate good play by the opponents, but do not gloat over a good result by your partnership.
- Do not argue with or criticise your partner or your opponents.
- Keep to a regular tempo of play as much as possible. Claim when you can, stating the way you are going to play the balance of the hand.
- Call the Director if you think you may have been affected by bad behaviour. You will be helping others as well as yourselves.
- Remember that unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated, and appropriate action may be taken if any breaches of conduct occur.
- Accept the rulings by the Director with good grace. If you disagree with the Director, you are entitled to lodge an appeal.
- At the end of the session, thank your partner and thank the Director.
- Do not argue with or criticise your partner or your opponents.
- At the end of the session, thank your partner and thank the Director.



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BRIDGE PROBLEM

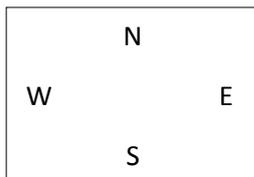
WHAT'S YOUR OPINION

Length links to strength

Suppose you have a two-way finesse in a suit, A-10-9-x facing K-j-x-x. Assuming you have to Tackle the suit yourself, you would like to know who holds the queen.

If the opponents have bid, you may be able to tell from counting points who holds the queen. Now suppose you do not have any clues from the bidding. There could still be a way to improve on 50-50 odds. If you can find out which defender has greater length in the suit, you can finesse that defender for the queen. On a 3-2 break, the queen will be in the longer holding 60% of the time; on a 4-1 break, the queen will be in the longer holding 80% of the time.

♠ KQ10
♥ AQ8
♦ A1092
♣ KQ7



♠ J94
♥ KJ9
♦ KJ83
♣ AJ3

You are West in 6NT. North leads a club. Your plan should be to knock out the ♠A and cash all the winners in three suits, leaving diamonds until last. If all follow to three rounds of each suit, you might not have a lot to go on. However, often one of the suits will break 5-2, which will give you a good picture of the distribution. Someone who has five cards in one suit and three cards in two other suits can have at most two diamonds. You will play the other defender for the queen of diamonds.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?



Example 1:

What contract do you think you would bid with the following north/south hands: You are North.

North is Dealer and no-one vulnerable:

North:

♠K9854
♥
♦43
♣AKQJ76

South: What should your partner bid in your system?

♠AQ
♥KQJ973
♦K82
♣52

Example 2:

How would you bid the following: All vulnerable dealer North:

North:

♠
♥K952
♦AQ9532
♣953

South: What should your partner bid in your system?

♠KJ62
♥AJ108
♦J
♣AK74

All hands and answers at end of Magazine

FUTURE EVENTS 2019

Mens and Ladies Pairs

- *Friday 23, 30 Aug and 6 Sept*

AGM

- *Saturday 10 August*

Restricted Pairs (<50 MPs)

- *Wednesday 9, 16 October*

Novices Plate (<15 MPs)

- *Saturday 5 October*

Open Teams

- *Thursday September 19, 26 and October 3*

SOCIAL EVENTS

Xmas in July

Saturday 27 July

AGM

Saturday 10 August

Melbourne Cub

Tuesday 5 November

Xmas Party

Saturday 7 December

KALAMUNDA BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS - APRIL - JUNE 2019

Daytime Teams Winners 10 April 2019



Peter Clarke, Stephen Thyer, Sheila Price, Gordon Brown

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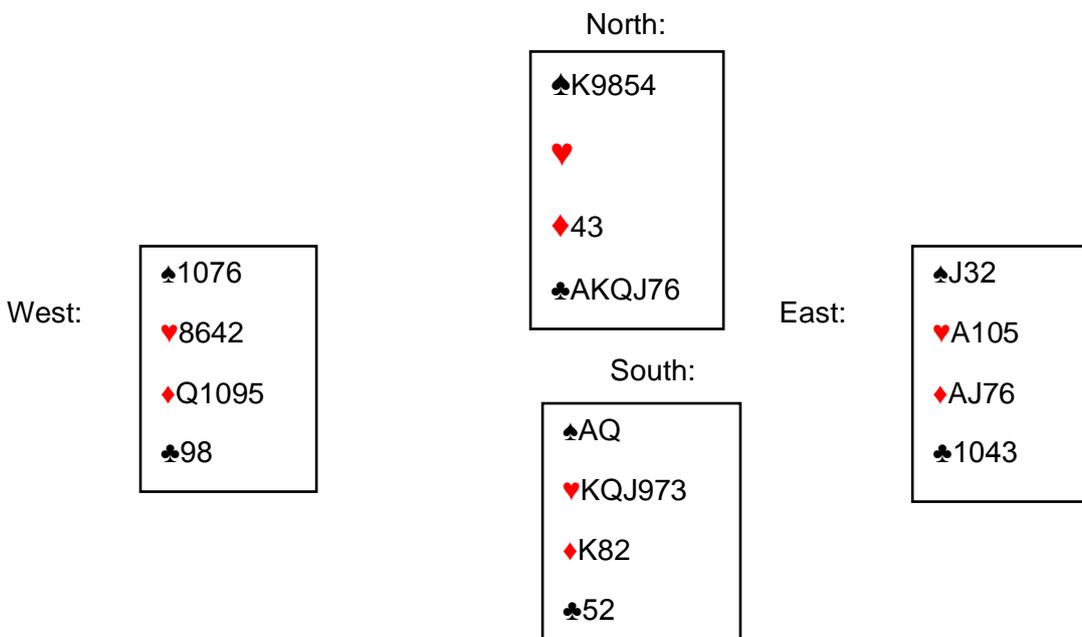
Wendy Harman, Madge Myburgh, Bente Hansen, Carmen Jackson

OPEN PAIRS

- 1st Peter Clarke/Stephen Thyer
- 2nd Kit and Tom Lemann
- 3rd Wendy Harman/Madge Myburgh

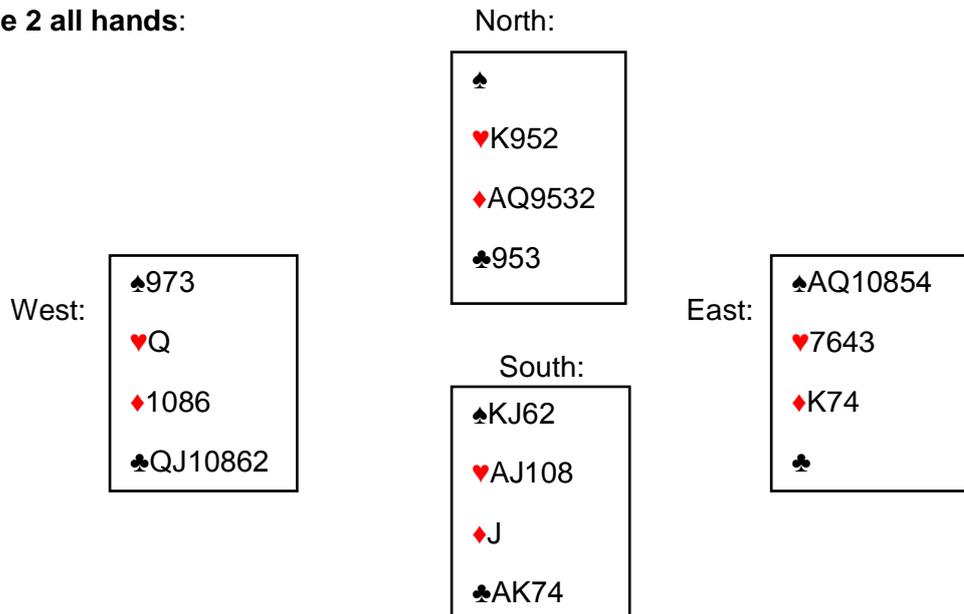
ANSWERS to bridge problems(taken from hands played at KDBC) .

Example 1 all hands:



Example 1: Possible Contracts: N/S - ♣6, ♦2, ♥4, ♠6, NT5.

Example 2 all hands:



Example 2: Possible Contracts: - N/S - ♣N2 ♠S3, ♦N4 S5, ♥N5 S6, ♠--, NT N3 S5
E/W ♠1

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Please forward articles of interest, photos or news to Carol or Betty for inclusion in the next BTG which will be prepared for publishing by the end of September.

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