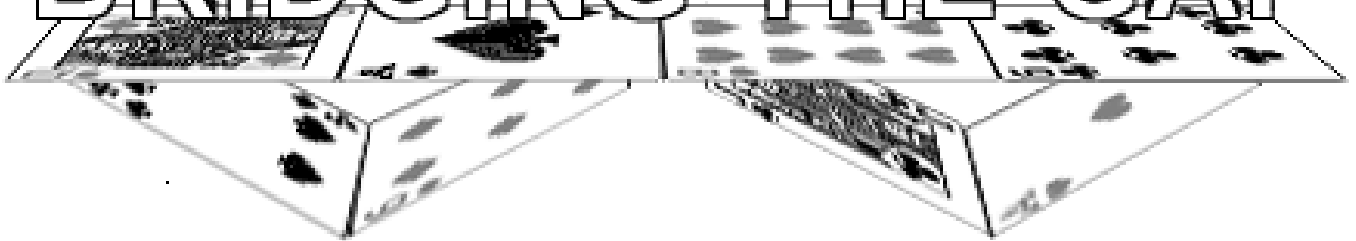




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Hello Everybody,

I am delighted to be once again sitting down to compile the present magazine which covers many new and interesting features. A huge thank you to members, who have come forward to contribute towards this. Without your help it would be a difficult task indeed.

Yours truly spent both Christmas and New Year in hospital and despite everything and thanks to my daughter, had a great Christmas morning celebrating in style with bobbing Santa's on headbands for all the visiting family and friends, wine and goodies and much hilarity.

Our Club continues to grow and a huge welcome to new members and to those of you who were once beginners and now attend many of our normal sessions very successfully. The President observed the other day how the standard of bridge in the club continues to improve.

Before I conclude, a very, very big thank you to everyone who signed such a special card when I was sick. That card has gone into my treasure chest of memories. Thank you.
From a well loved and well used book of mine

*It does not matter how slowly you go
So long as you do not stop.*

Confucius(851BCE-479 BCE)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Chris".

Happy Reading

FROM THE PRESIDENT

DOESN'T TIME FLY

A lot has happened since the last BTG, and none more so than for our Editor, Cherry, who has had a significant neurological operation and is not yet out of the woods. I'm grateful to her for continuing to put our house magazine together in the meantime.

Time has also flown for one of our longest and most experienced players, Ian Medlycott, who has joined Rory in their 10th decadeboth walking tributes to the inescapable fact that several injections of bridge a week do wonders for our metabolisms.

And (at the risk of starting a sentence with a preposition), we have a regular player who has become a mother, the first in the Club for a long time. Well done Elizabeth.

What else have we achieved? Well quite a lot actually

- Our new kitchen has been installed
- We have a new computer, Bridgemates and dealing machine
- Everyone has now memorised their ABF number! (or nearly everyone)
- We have another dozen new members who are now completing beginners' classes
- More and more of last year's recruits are playing in regular bridge sessions
- Our Annual Congress was superb, as it always is
- We have a record number of three teams competing in the BAWA InterClub Competitions
- Everyone is getting sick and tired of me going on about noise levels when playing...but it is having an effect. PLEASE keep it up....or rather, down.

None of this would have been possible without a number of key members of the Club playing a very active part. They know who they are and I have already thanked them elsewhere. In addition to them, and in relation to the Congress in particular, my thanks yet again for the contribution of all our members who did everything to portray our Club in its best light.

ARE WE NEARLY THERE YET?

Do you remember that phrase, used either by you as a child or to you as a parent?

One of the difficulties for a President like myself, who has had little knowledge of the origins of and background to the Club (although I am trying to learn fast) is attempting to ascertain whether our Club is now matching up to the expectations of its founder members.

Talking to one or two either founder or early members, I pick up the vibes that one of the happiest periods in the Club's history was before we moved into what is now our Clubhouse. It was clearly a great deal of fun setting everything up from scratch and learning the game from one or two extremely knowledgeable and intuitive players such as Michael Hopper. Many of you have spoken to me of what was clearly a very satisfying time.

It is good to look back on earlier events in your life with pleasure. It is sometimes easier to do that than to recognise that same pleasure in the here and now. So I have been trying to throw my brain forward into the future and to "look back" on the Club in the present day. Will I be saying to my contemporaries in 20 years time (hopefully!) "Do you remember the Club back in 2013. We had a lot of fun then, members were playing three or four times a week and we used to get at least 7 tables for most sessions and often a lot more. Many of our players would compete regularly at Congresses and in BAWA competitions and with a lot of success. And (sorry, that preposition again) everyone was so friendly and helpful" ?

Well, dispassionately, yes, I think I would. I've said this before, but there is a feel about the Club at the moment that is difficult to define...I just know it's a good feel. Forgive me, but I am told that we did have a

reputation a few years back for not being too welcoming to newcomers and for being pretty hard on those who couldn't play so well. Well if it was ever true, and I honestly don't know, it's not true now.

When we apply for grants, whether it be Lotterywest or the Shire, they base their approval or otherwise on what part we play in the community. There's no doubt in my mind that we do provide an important niche and opportunity in the Kalamunda area in general but I also know that we are a warm and welcome light in so many of our members' days, particularly those that now live alone and wake up in the morning knowing that today they will meet so many friends and will have yet another opportunity to stimulate their grey matter in a convivial atmosphere. I cannot think of a more important reason to operate and I'm sure it's why so many of you put so much into the day to day working of KDBC.

So...are we nearly there yet? Yes, I think we are!

AND FINALLY...IN PRAISE OF CAROLES

No, not Christmas caroles (sic), ...human Caroles.

It's a funny thing but never in my life have I come across an unpleasant or unhelpful Carole. Every time I've met or had dealings with a Carole it has been a good experience. I've even worked under a politician called Carole, who was exceptional.

Are Caroles born that way or does the giving of the name to them as a baby automatically make them delightful? Does the 'e' make all the difference or would "Carol" be just as good? Does it still work if it is a middle name and not a first name?

Now, before you scream at me, I'm not saying that if you aren't called Carole, you don't have all those same virtues. The Club is full of similarly delightful and helpful people that aren't called Carole. I'm just propounding a theory that, from my limited experience, ALL Caroles are that good and there's nothing they can do about it, because that's their fate.

Now please, if you can think of any that aren't that way, please don't tell me. I don't want my illusion shattered!

Enjoy your bridge

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carole', written over a horizontal line.

PRESIDENT

OUR NEWEST MEMBER TO Be

The President has already mentioned Elizabeth and her baby but I thought you would enjoy seeing a photo of Dominic when he was first born. Many congratulations to Elizabeth and her husband and to our Master Points



Secretary and Director, Granny Denise. We are delighted for you all

WHO IS THIS ?

Would you have any idea who this man may be? He is a long standing member of this clubbut no more clues.....You will find his identity and his story later in the magazine.



SOME COMPETITION AND OTHER RESULTS AND INFORMATION

BEST PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

- Alf and Sheelagh Dupont

January 2013 – Ann Boekelaar

February 2013 – Peter Clarke

Individual Competition Winner - Peter Clarke

Mandurah Congress - Anita Davis and Garth Scotford - 10th

MOST IMPROVED PAIRS December 2012

Nina Lytton and Joanne Payne

Denise Borger and Kerry Elliman

Helen Browne-Cooper and Mary Simmons

Our Club Congress:

In the Pairs, a couple of our pairs, Alan Harper and Julie Bechelli and Denise Borger and Garth Scotford reached the dizzy heights of Tables 2 and 1 during the course of the day but were summarily dealt with by the two pairs that went on to win and come second, namely our very own Gerry Daley with his partner Viv Wood and Nigel Dutton and his partner Marie Merven. Our eventual best Club pair was shared between Janet and Murray Stirling and Doug Hegarty and Andy Leal, who were joint 10th. Other Club pairs came in at 12th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 21st, 22nd, 25th, 27th, 28th, 31st, 32nd, 37th and 43rd

In the Teams, it was yet another good day for Gerry, whose team won the day (on St Patrick's Day of all days!). The highest placed Kalamunda Team was that of Peter Clarke, Ruth Ledger and Sheelagh and Alf Dupont who came 5th. Other KDBC Teams came in at 9th, 13th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st.



THE HAPPY WINNERS WITH OUR PRESIDENT, GARTH AND DENISE BORGER WHO CONVENED THE CONGRESS

NEW MEMBER'S INFORMATION KIT.

For the interest of new members and particularly new bridge players, the Australian Bridge Federation provide a kit which I believe would assist new bridge players immensely. This kit may be downloaded from the internet. Jamie Paterson came to me with his copy and under the heading of 'Knowledge and Skills Development', he marked one or two items that he felt new bridge players would like to know ie.

'A player is not allowed to touch a card held by another player. Even when the game is over, it is illegal to touch the cards of another player'.

and more:

'Never try to teach anyone at the table, Conversations at the table are generally unwelcome'

'When attending any club session ensure that you arrive at least 15-20 minutes before the start of play'

Much of the above is known to regular players but people who come to this wonderful game as beginners, would, I am certain, like to know the etiquette of bridge.

NEW MEMBERS

A huge welcome to all the new members who have joined our club. We hope that you will be as happy with us as we will be to incorporate you into our club life and introduce you to fellow bridge players. I list below our newest members.

Lauren Rumph, Fred Way, Anita Boekelaar, Bret McLauchlin, Graeme Gordon, Evonne Meath, Maria Marinescu, Eleanor Bennett, Leila Mann, Laurence Snook and Dawn Snook.

A BIRTHDAY WISH

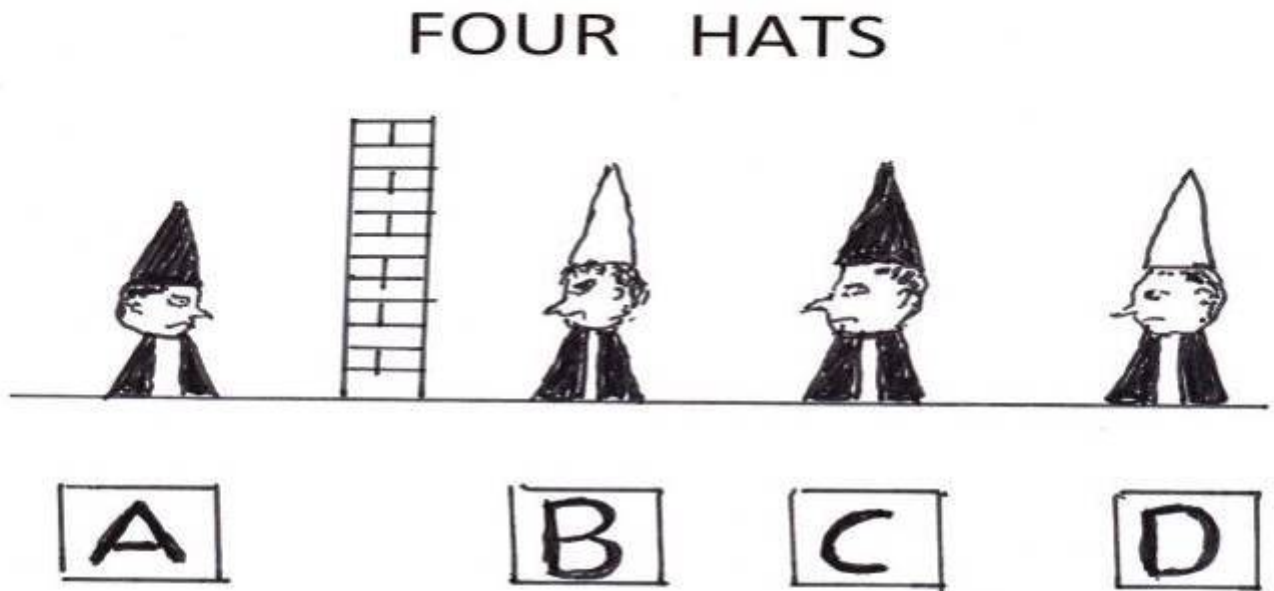
Ian Medlycott very recently joined Rory O'Toole and entered into his 90's. The club were delighted to celebrate with him, and Ian, we all wish you many more happy years ahead and many more happy bridging years.



GARTH WITH IAN AND ANITA

A CONTRIBUTION FROM RORY.

It is so easy when you know how but to come to the answer takes a great deal of thought. I would like to give you a clue. Read the instructions carefully.



Shown above are 4 men buried up to their necks in the ground. They cannot move so can only look forward. Between A and B is a brick wall which cannot be seen through. They know that between them are 4 hats, 2 x black and 2 x white, but they do not know which colour they are wearing. In order to avoid being shot one of them must call out to the executioner, the colour of their hat. If they get it wrong everyone will be shot. They are not allowed to talk to each other and have 10 minutes to fathom it out.

After one minute:

Q. Which one of them calls out?

Q. Why is he 100% certain of the colour of his hat.

There are no outside influences, nor other ways of communicating. They cannot move and are buried in a straight line. So A and B can only see their respective sides of the brick wall. C can see B, and D can see B and C.

The answer later in the magazine. Thank you Rory.

From Len Pratt:

OH – How Exasperating and Irsome This Game Can be!!!

Sitting West with North the Dealer and at all vulnerable you pick up this lovely hand

♠ A J 2 ♠ A Q 6 ♠ Q 9 2 ♠ A K 5 3

A lovely balanced 20 HCPs collection. After 3 passes you open 2 NT – all pass. C'est la vie.

Partner puts down

♠ K 8 4 ♠ 8 7 4 2 ♠ T 7 3 ♠ J 8 2

You would think that with a combined 24 HCP count 2 NTs would be a doddle. Generally a combined HCP count of 25 HCPs wil produce 3 NT although it is much easier when the HCPs are more equly divided between the combined hands.

Not so. Three off! West watches while North enters the score into Bridgemate trying hard to disguise the smile on his/her face. North's elation soon dissappears when he/she scrolls down the Bridgemate results. Here is the full deal and Results.

Board 29 Dir: N Vul: All	♠ Q73 ♥ KJ ♦ AJ85 ♣ 9764	
♠ AJ2 ♥ AQ6 ♦ Q92 ♣ AK53		♠ K84 ♥ 8742 ♦ T73 ♣ J82
11 20 4 5	♠ T965 ♥ T953 ♦ K64 ♣ QT	

NS Pair	EW Pair	NS	EW	NS MP	EW MP	Contr	By	Made	Lead
7	5	300		16.0	2.0	3 NT	W	6	♣ 9
4	8	300		16.0	2.0	2 NT	W	5	♦ 5
3	6	300		16.0	2.0	3 NT	W	6	♦ 5
9	9	200		9.0	9.0	2 NT	W	6	♦ 5
2	4	200		9.0	9.0	2 NT	W	6	♦ 5
1	2	200		9.0	9.0	3 ♥	E	7	♦ 4
10	1	200		9.0	9.0	2 NT	W	6	♦ 5
8	7	100		3.0	15.0	2 NT	W	7	♦ 5
5	10	100		3.0	15.0	2 NT	W	7	♦ 8
6	3		500	0.0	18.0	1 NT X	N	5	♣ 2

It is unfortunate that when this hand was played there wasn't a computer analysis of the deal. However I have done one and it reveals that E/W can make 1 No Trump.

Pair 6's North's opening bid of 1No Trump is interesting. Was it deliberate on his 11 HCPs or did he/she miscount?

Len

Thank you Len!

Mary Pepper has very kindly agreed to allow us all to enjoy her Cheese Straw Recipe:

PRESIDENT'S CHEESE STRAWS ON DEMAND

Ingredients

- 1 small Packet of Shredded Parmesan Cheese
- 1 Sheet of Puff Pastry
- 1 Egg
- 1 Level teaspoon of Chilli Powder
- 1 Level teaspoon of Garlic Salt
- (The Measurement of Chilli and Garlic are optional depending upon how hot you want them)

Method

Mix the cheese and Chilli and Garlic together

Beat egg and brush the pastry all over on one side

Spread half of the cheese mix over the pastry until covered, roll with rolling pin so that the cheese has stuck to the pastry.

Turn the pastry over and repeat this process

Fold in half top to bottom and cut up into 16 slices. The easiest way to do this is to cut down the middle and then cut those in half and then those in half until you have 16 strips.

Take a strip and twist about three times, pinch the ends when placed on the baking tray so they don't uncurl.

Bake in the oven for about 10mins or until golden brown. Oven should be 180 degrees.

ENJOY!!

Thank you Mary we will!!

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CLUB KITCHEN

And speaking of baking and then of Kitchens, the Management Committee of the Club decided that our Club kitchen was well overdue for an update. With grateful thanks to Lotterywest who provided the finance, a plan was devised and then, thanks to Carole and Bert Littlechild who designed, priced and purchased the kitchen for the club, all was set for assembling the cabinets so that we could have the new kitchen in time for our Club Congress in March.

Garth, Bert and Rob McMahon volunteered to help with the assembly. Three days were set aside and it was hoped that most of the work would be completed within this time frame.



OUR OLD KITCHEN



THE TEAM



WORK IN PROGRESS



OUR NEW KITCHEN

Many thanks went to Carole who kept the men fed and watered during the whole of the construction period. Bert completed the plumbing and the tiling and now that the kitchen is finished and beautiful, we are all delighted and proud of the final result. Grateful thanks to all concerned.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Annual Christmas Party was held on Saturday 8TH December. As usual members brought with them a plate of Christmas fare to be added to our beautifully decorated table. Decorations adorned the room and from the start there was most definitely a very festive atmosphere.

To start proceedings we had the presentation of Cups and Awards for excellence in bridge during the year. I will not list all of those in this magazine as they are already printed in our Handbook for 2013. However, many congratulations to all the winners.

Lunch followed the presentation of trophies. Caroline Scotford, the President's wife joined us for lunch. One

observer claimed that nowhere could we have a meal with such a selection and presented so beautifully. Grateful thanks to the Committee girls and guys who helped and the members who played their part too.



Mary and Mike Pepper

Following lunch the serious business of the day commencedBridge. A fun atmosphere pervaded but that did not detract from the will to win!!!! Much wine and punch was consumed during the day and a happy and fun time was had by all.



PARTY TIME

For the Christmas Bridge Session we had a Mitchell Movement and the winners are:
North/South Alf and Sheelagh Dupont **and** East/West Gerry Daly and Andy Leal

For more serious bridge discussions: -**Alan Harper , the Club Secretary and Chief Director wrote the following:**

DIRECTORS CORNER

CHANGING A BID

Occasionally the bidding cards stick together and you find you have faced the wrong bid. If you find yourself in this predicament, **CALL THE DIRECTOR** the moment you realize what has happened. Even if the next person has bid, you may be allowed to change your call. If you do change your call the subsequent call may be withdrawn.

When is the BID made?

When using bidding boxes, a bid is considered made when the card is **PLACED ON THE TABLE** or **HELD** in a position that indicates it has been played. **DON'T** be **BULLIED** into making a bid just because you took the card from the box; **BUT BEWARE** of passing illegal information to your partner.

WHEN IS A CARD PLAYED?

Defender.

A defender's card is deemed to be played when held in a position from which it would be possible for partner to see it. (Partner does not have to have seen it)

Declarer

Declarer must play a card held face up on or near the table, or held in a manner that suggests it has been played.

Dummy

A card is played from dummy when it is fully described by declarer.

i.e "small heart", or "8 of clubs"

Once the call is completed **IT CANNOT** be changed if it is from the right hand.

If the lead was from the wrong hand (i.e. it should have been from declarer's hand), **EITHER DEFENDER CAN ACCEPT** it. If the defenders disagree, the next in turn prevails. If the call is rejected Declarer must retrieve the played card and may lead any card lead from the correct hand.

ALERTING

At a recent meeting, the Directors determined that the wide ranging no trump rebid and the 2NT 20 point Opening should not be alerted as they follow the rule of a balanced hand with a limited point range. Any **ASKING** bid such as 2C from partner after these bids must be alerted as should unnatural responses.

TALKING

During bidding, talking must be kept to alerting the opposition (but not partner) to any unusual aspects of partner's call. You should simply say **ALERT!** and place the alert card on the table. Never offer an explanation unless asked, and then give a **FULL** explanation of the bid.

INTERVIEW FOR A POSITION

A woman was applying for a position as a Maid.

When asked why she left her last place of employment she replied:-

They pay good wages but it was the most ridiculous place I 'av ever worked in. They play a game called **BRIDGE** and last night there were a lot of folk there and as I was about to serve Refreshments, I heard a man say "Lay down and let's see what you got" and another say "I got strength but no length". Then another man say to a lady "Take your hand off my trick". I pretty near dropped dead.

Just then I heard a lady say "You jumped me twice when you didn't have the strength for one raise"

Another woman was talking about protecting her honour.

Well I just got me 'at and coat and as I was leaving, I 'ope to die, if one of them didn't say "I guess we'll go home, this is the last rubber".

Carole McMahon has recently celebrated a birthday and as a surprise for her Rob arranged a day trip to Antarctica which is something Carole has always wanted to do. I asked Carol if she would be kind enough to write a short account of that one truly exciting day in their lives. Thank you Carole.

Over The Ice

Why would you spend good money to sit in a plane for 13 hours, leaving and returning to Perth Airport. seeing nothing but clouds, water and ice ?

While Perth was in the middle of yet another summer heatwave, on the 28th January this year, Rob and I were lucky enough to see the coldest place in the world, Antarctica.

This was a very easy, comfortable sightseeing tour, as we left Perth Airport at 8am and returned to Perth Airport 13 hours later, never leaving the comfort of the Qantas Jumbo Jet. The 747 was equipped with long range fuel tanks (85 tons) to cover the long distance we were travelling. Due to all this extra weight, the plane needed to reach a fast speed of 350 k's per hour on the runway to become airborne. You could feel the relief through the cabin as we finally lifted up into the air.

This flight was unlike any other flights we have been on. Passengers wore name badges and were encouraged to walk around the cabin: this was a good way to break the ice! Everyone was busy chatting and enjoying the party like atmosphere. There was also quite a bit of traffic as people made their way to and from the bar, set up to serve drinks. Rob just had to have a scotch on ice! Two Antarctica experts gave talks to the passengers, then mingled and answered questions about Antarctica. One professor stated that if the ice over Antarctica melted, the sea levels would rise 60 metres worldwide. And also that loss of weight over Antarctica would create a see-saw effect with Australia, resulting in us sinking another 80 metres. One of the passengers pointed out that the worst thing about global warming would be that people who lived in igloos would lose their privacy



ICEBURG



ICE SHELF

For the first 3.5 hours we flew at the normal 30,000 feet, wondering what was in store for us. When we reached Antarctica we dropped (not too quickly) to 10,000 feet and there was great excitement when we saw our first icebergs, brilliant white in the dark blue ocean.

Not all the passengers had window seats, so the aisles and exit areas were full of people taking photos and in awe of the amazing views. As most of Antarctica is covered with cloud, we could hear the flight crew over the PA in contact with various Australian bases in Antarctica collecting up to date weather information. On the day of our flight, we were advised to fly to the west coast where it was cloud free and we would get the best views.

As we headed further south the icebergs grew larger and larger, some of them several kilometres across, until eventually we reached the Iceshelf, which surrounds the land mass. The colours were amazing.... bright white of the ice, brilliant turquoise of the melted ice, the dark blue of the ocean and the black of the rocks. This seemed like an alien but beautiful landscape, and we almost felt as though we were looking at another planet.

We were too high to see any penguins or seals, and there no whales on that day, but we took lots of photos of the spectacular and ever changing landscape. Although we were 10,000 feet in the sky, the air was so clear we felt we

could reach out and touch the glaciers and icebergs. We flew over three separate camp sites, amazed that people actually live and work there. The surface temperature was a balmy minus five degrees .

We did wonder how we would last the long 13 hour flight, and even took a book to read in case we got bored. The name of the book.... "How to Improve your Bridge". Fortunately the time went so fast that we didn't get to open the book....so we will have to wait even longer to get some master points!

The long flight was over and soon we were disembarking back into the sticky Perth heat. It had been something totally different for us and an extraordinary experience.

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So at last we reach our mystery man. Did you guess correctly?
DONALD CHISHOLM : known to all of us as 'Don'



Don has played bridge at our club for almost forty years and in fact his forty years will be celebrated in July. However, Don has not always lived in Western Australia. He was born in Sydney on 24th December 1927 and attended Bondi Prep School followed by North Sydney Boys High School where he took part in Rugby and towards the end of his time at school played for the First XV as a Lock Forward. Don was also the State Schools Champion in the half mile. No mean feats!!

Don followed his school years by attending Sydney University from 1945-1948 studying for a Bachelor of Economics degree, which may be why his bridge has been formidable! While still at University, Don managed to obtain a job with Berlei the Ladies fashion corsetry and after finishing his degree, continued with the company for fifteen years. Don said with a smile on his face, that he was surrounded by 'gorgeous creatures' who were employed to model the garments. When I asked him if he had any stories he could relate for the magazine, with a huge smile his answer was "Certainly not". Don was sent to the U.K. with Berlei and while he was there met Beryl, who was an Australian girl working in England with another Foundation Company. In 1954, Beryl became Don's wife at a ceremony at St. John's Church in Kensington, after which they both returned to Sydney and lived first in Paddington and then St. Ives. In 1960 Don left Berlei and still living in Sydney, he joined Coca Cola branching out into a completely different sphere in his working life.

Don and Beryl remained in Sydney for a few years and then Don was transferred to Perth as Manager and Second in Charge in Western Australia. During Don's time with Coca Cola he travelled extensively on business, within Australia .

Don and Beryl have two children a boy and a girl. Ross also lives in Perth as does Bronwen who is married and has three children, all boys. Don speaks with pride of his grandchildren. Don and Beryl live happily in Kalamunda.

Whenever I come to the bridge table I always ask Don how he is and he responds with just two words, **"I'm Dangerous!"**

Don, we all look forward to many more happy years 'bridging' together.
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The solution to Rory's colundrum:

BLACK HAT A BRICK WALL WHITE HAT B BLACK HAT C WHITE HAT D

THE MAN IN BLACK HAT 'C' WAITS FOR ONE MINUTE.

IF THE MAN IN WHITE HAT 'D' DOES NOT CALL OUT THEN HE IS OBVIOUSLY UNSURE .
IF 'D' IS UNSURE THEN HE MUST BE SEEING A WHITE HAT AND A BLACK HAT ON 'B' AND 'C'.

'C' WHO CAN SEE THE WHITE HAT OF 'B' , IMMEDIATELY CALLS OUT AND DECLARES HIS HAT AS **BLACK** AND SAVES HIS EXECUTION!!

Frustratingly easy when you know how!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
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And finally - **JUST HOW IMPORTANT IS BRIDGE?**

Margaret McRobbie , kindly invited Carole Sexton, Jane Pike and Cherry Zamudio to a social bridge afternoon at her home.

Jane offered to collect Carole and Cherry and arrived in her very beautiful 4 x 4 but with no step up into the front or back seats. Cherry with her stick, finding walking difficult was unable to climb into the vehicle. The car was parked outside of Cherry's garage and with collective brain power the three of us decided upon the step ladder. This was brought from the garage and Cherry ascended.

Marvellous!

We then suddenly remembered we would have to have the ladder for the return journey. This was immediately loaded and off we went.



On the return, Margaret, as always, was there with her camera. Did it ever occur to us to change cars at the inset.....No!!!!

My grateful thanks to Margaret and everybody else who has contributed and who has helped with this edition of the B.T.G. I look forward to news and views for the next one.



EDITOR

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