



BRIDGING THE GAP

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the recent AGM held on 10 August 2019, the results of the recent ballot for President and Management Committee were announced.

I would like to introduce our new Committee:

President	Carole Littlechild
Vice President	Cherry Zamudio
Treasurer	Dianne Barker
Secretary	Dawn Snook



Committee Members

Ted Brereton, Jenny Tedeschi, Robin Ward, Tom Lemann and Judith Poole.

There are many other members who have taken on additional responsibilities and a full list will be up on the notice board shortly. I thank and appreciate all of these people for stepping up and giving of their time to enhance the running of our Club.

As was stated at the AGM this year we plan to update, repair and renovate the Club. This has started with the installation of the new Director's area. The roof has been repaired and the front gutter will be done shortly.

The drain at the back of the Club is being installed, so hopefully all water problems will be solved. The drive is another matter being addressed at the moment.

As you can see we are moving on with upgrades to our Club and further improvements are in the pipeline.

As President I am hopeful that the Club will continue growing and be the pleasant place to enjoy bridge as it has been in the past. This can only be achieved by the members coming and enjoying all the sessions and events that are held.

I wish you all happy bridging.

*Carole Littlechild
President*

DIRECTORS CORNER

INSUFFICIENT BID OPTIONS

Garth Scotford



YOU ARE NEXT IN LINE AFTER AN INSUFFICIENT BID - WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

A round of bidding is going just fine and then suddenly the player immediately before you bids insufficiently. This isn't something that can be fixed without the help of a Director, who must be called straightaway. If the bidder who made the error tries to amend the bid (usually by bidding the same suit but at a higher level) without the Director present, don't allow it.



There is a good reason for this. You, as the next in line, can accept that insufficient bid as it may well be to your advantage to do so, but when, as a director, I offer that facility, many players don't know what to do for the best.



Let's look at a situation where your partner opens 1H, and the next player bids 1D.



The Director is called. Now you know that your partner has somewhere between 11 and 19 points and 5+ hearts in Standard or 4+ hearts in ACOL. You are sitting there with only 4 points and 3 hearts, a hand that is not really strong enough to respond with (particularly in ACOL), and if there had been no intervening bid, you wouldn't have done so. The correct 2D bid from opponent would also have pushed you out of the bidding and if you don't take up my offer of accepting the underbid, and I allow the offender to make a legal bid, that is what will happen. But if you accept the bid, you can then bid 1H even though it's the same bid as opener's. That will tell your partner that you quite like hearts but are not strong enough to bid 2H, a valuable piece of information.



That is a very simple example of the principle. Taking advantage of an insufficient bid becomes a lot more exciting when it happens at a higher level in the bidding. If there is a 4H bid over your partner's 4S it may be better to accept and then bid 4S rather than your opponent being given the option of bidding 5H and pushing you to 5S.



So, in these circumstances:

- (a) always call the Director; and
- (b) think carefully about possibly allowing the underbid.

AROUND THE CLUB

PAST AND PRESENT PRESIDENTS (Rob and Carole) and NEW SECRETARY (Dawn Snook)



NEW MEMBERS



The Kalamunda Bridge Club welcomes Birte Lyhne. Please make Birte welcome



Birte is originally from Denmark where her parents were keen bridge players who often hosted bridge parties in their home in Copenhagen. While she never played with her parents, bridge sort of became part of her DNA. When she was 20 Birte took some bridge lessons and learned the old Culbertson system, then later Goren, and much later, Acol.

Birte has lived in WA for over 50 years. While basically only playing social bridge, there was a short period in the mid-1970s when she was a member of Kalamunda Bridge Club and later played a few times at Broadway. Due to work and family commitments she never really got into it and now living back in Kalamunda, Gladys convinced her that she would have fun joining our Club. Welcome Birte and happy bridging.

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 May – August.

Welcome to a new Grand Master. A big congratulations to Carmen on her promotion.



*Margaret McRobbie
promoted to *State
Master*

Joe Louis – promoted to *National Master



*Cora Brown
Promoted to Graduate
Master*



*Judith Poole
Promoted to Club Master*



*Eleanor Rowley
Promoted to *Local Master*

*Barbara Bibby
Contemplating the last hand.
Promoted to Local Master*



70% Club

Sheila Pryce/Gordon Brown – 8 August
Bente Hansen/Madge Myburgh – 30 August
Stephen Thyer/Gerry Daly – 14 September

7NT Club (July-August -September 2019)

1 July	15 July
John Ewing/Diane Smith	Bente Hansen/Cherry Zamudio
21 August	Rosemary/John Offer
Rosemary/John Offer	Allan/Jackie Harper
28 August	Ted Brereton/Brian Davison
Anita Davis/Robin Ward	
Carole/Robert McMahon	17 July
Sheila Pryce/Gordon Brown	Carole Daxter/Brian Daxter
Jacqueline Keir/Jim Steel	
Carol Sexton/Sandra Hoffman	25 July
Peter Clarke/Stephen Thyer	Sheila Pryce/Gordon Brown
Joseph Gaudet/Joe Louis (2)	
Barbara Bibby/Lorraine Stivey	29 July
13 September	Peter Clarke/Joe Louis
Vicki Russell/Mike Grenfell	Sheila Pryce/Gordon Brown
Sheila Pryce/Gordon Brown	Ted Brereton/Brian Davison
	Elizabeth McMillen/Betty Roberts
14 September	31 July
Carol Dickie/Betty Roberts (2)	Elizabeth McMillen/Suzanne Hillan
21 September	12 August
Cora Brown/Michael Grenfell	Jim Steel/Michael Pepper
Sheila Pryce/Gordon Brown	Julie Bechelli/Sandra Hoffman
Elizabeth Bazen/Denise Borger	Carole Daxter/Brian Daxter
3 July	25 September
Nic Moniodis/Madge Myburgh	Betty Roberts/Carol Dickie
	Derick Johnston/Kristine Nunn



MEMBER PROFILE

DAVID CHARTERS

Betty and I considered it was a great honour to have a person in the club such as David Charters because he was part of a number of people instrumental in the beginnings of our club. We wanted to interview and know more about this great (modest) bridge player responsible for what we in Kalamunda enjoy today. Betty and I are both relative 'new comers' to the club and so learning of some of the past about the club is most important to us! David does have his memoirs written and it would be with great deference the bridge club tries to get a copy of this, along with the fact that David is, of course, a long time exceptional player.



An Abridged version of David's Life:

David was born 1931 in Tunbridge Wells, UK. His family moved to Kenya in 1932 where he had his first birthday, and was brought up there with his brother John. His father was a Doctor to a Mission Society. He had quite an extraordinary family. His Great Grandfather was a Vicar. His Grandfather, a School Teacher. His father a Doctor and mother a Nurse, and he himself a Lawyer. He did most of his schooling in South Africa and ended up in Cambridge University in the UK, much the same as his predecessors and his brother. The boys learned to play Culbertson bridge with their parents during their holiday breaks from school with David later learning to play Acol with his wife and now American Standard with his daughter Joscelyn. David graduated Law and was called to the bar at Gray's Inn in London. After 1 year of practising there he was called to do National Service in Kenya, which he did with the Mounted Section. It was only for 6 months but they learned how to ride and shoot and look after horses, all taught by themselves, as their unit was an irregular unit operating in the southern part of Kenya. They took their horses to areas they thought would be most useful. He enjoyed this period with the horses riding through the beautiful Kenyan savannah and forests with all the wonderful wild animals around. At this time they would play bridge in the evenings when they could. David's commander was a keen polo player, and if they were near a polo field he insisted they play polo. Another of his many skills!

After National Service, David joined the Attorney-General's Chambers in Nairobi, where he prosecuted terrorists. Here he met his lovely wife Claudine who was a highly regarded secretary in the Colonial Service, and was also quite an accomplished polo player. Their free time was spent playing polo and going on safaris. They did, however, occupy their evenings with playing bridge. They married in 1958, and unfortunately Claudine missed making their 60th wedding anniversary by 12 days. They had a magnificent life together travelling all over the world and having two wonderful children in Joscelyn and Rod. After independence, they decided to come to Perth, Australia, in 1964, when Joscelyn and Rod were just 2 and 3 years old, thereby joining their parents and brother who were already here. In Perth, David was Chair of the Workers Compensation Board and a District Court Judge for 13 years.

Bridge and polo had been a large part of Claudine and David's life and while a group were playing casual bridge, David and Mike Hopper (a great inspiration and driving force), decided a club should be created nearby in Kalamunda, thus the "Kalamunda" Club was created on 30 September 1971. A number of those original club players still play today.

David also had many other interests such as tennis, golf, and squash. How he ever found the time, we don't know! His wife and he were two very active people!

When asked for a particular memory, David recalled that in a 'fairly big' championship, in Melbourne, one of the players played a contract based on the 'No Point System'. Under the rules at the time, you were compelled to give a week's notice to the opposition that you would be playing this system. The opposition appealed the ruling and as a result an appeal panel was set up. The panel overruled the Director's decision after which he immediately left the room, and the competition! David doubts he would have ever acted as a director again in the future.

One event in David's mind is worthy of mention: Many years ago, Claudine and he boarded a crowded bus in New Delhi. David sat in one row with Claudine in another. David sat next to a gentleman who asked if he was from England, and he replied 'no, from Australia'. He responded "I know someone from Australia. I wonder if you know her". David said "there are a lot of people in Australia, but who is she?" He replied "Claire Lester". That was extraordinary, because we knew her extremely well. Her Aunt, Xenia Richards was one of Claudine's closest friends and regular bridge player. This gentleman played bridge for Pakistan and had competed against Claire (who played for Australia) in international events. During the rest of the bus trip I was treated to a discourse of interesting hands he had played. How uncanny was this?

Betty and I were enthralled by David's fantastic life and in asking what his favourite memories were he could only say that they had so many wonderful experiences all over the world he couldn't decide on one being better than another. He did however, recall a most memorable bridge event with Claudine when they were selected to play in the Victor Champion Challenge Cup in Melbourne with Gerard Roussilhes and Sathi Moses making up a team with them. The other part of the team was Peter Smith, Haydn Lowe, Helen Hawkins and Helen Bunning.

He states that Claudine was an accomplished bridge player who struggled hard to improve his game. They had many lovely years playing bridge along with their other activities.

He now plays with his daughter Joscelyn regularly (who he says is teaching him Standard American). He also plays with his son Rod, when he's here visiting from overseas, and his son-in-law Colin (Joscelyn's partner) who has taken a keen interest in the game.

Thank you David for taking the time to speak to Betty and Carol.



David with his daughter Joscelyn



CHRISTMAS IN JULY PICTORIAL

A reflection of a successful event



TEAM EVENT

Kalamunda Novice 'A' team V Kalamunda 'B' team

'A' team



Mary Pepper, Dianne Barker, Michael Pepper, Jenny Tedeschi

'B' team



Bruce Cowan, Ian Purcell, Robin Ward, Ted Brereton

The 'A' team had a win.

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Congratulations to Sita Weggelaar and Carmen Jackson who recently celebrated their 80th birthdays.



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

October

Peter Cameron
Phillipa Erzay
Hans Guildemond
Joe Louis
Ian Purcell
Diane Quarles
John Shinnick
Dawn Snook
Robin Ward
Garth Scotford

November

Linda Barker
Meg Bowness
Susan Collinson
Rosemary Offer
Merry Comber
Cheryl Connolly
Lloyd Hatfield
Suzanne Hillan
Sheila Jackson
Gladys Lourvanij
Carole McMahon
Micky Zampichelli
Jean Rackman
Vicki Russell

December

Joan Andrews
Dianne Barker
Ted Brereton
Judith Bull
Wendy Harman
David Charters
Anneli Carson
David Harris
Jacqueline Keir
Gerry Daly
Angela McDonald
Elizabeth McMillen
Margaret McRobbie
Jane Pike
Stephen Thyer
Evronne Sarich
Rory O'Toole

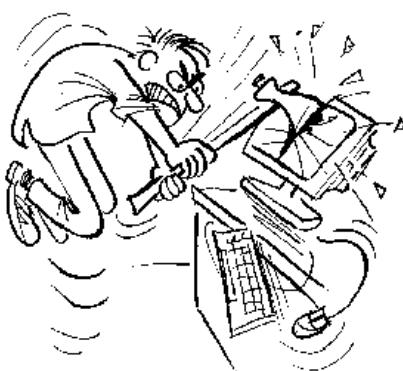
Did You Know?

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.

I hate computer dealt deals!



LONG TIME PARTNERS WHO PLAY BRIDGE AND LIVE TOGETHER



BRIDGE PROBLEM



What do you and your partner bid with this east/west partnership? (Nil Vulnerability, Dealer South)

NORTH

♦AQ962
♥K92
♦J5
♣1042

WEST

♦K753
♥A
♦K86432
♣K9

EAST

♦4
♥J8754
♦AQ107
♣A75

SOUTH

♦J108
♥Q1063
♦9
♣QJ863

BRIDGE HUMOUR

A dilemma!

While not bridge related quite topical of the times!



FUTURE EVENTS 2019

- *Wednesday 9, 16 October*

Novices Plate (<15 MPs)

 - *Saturday 5 October*

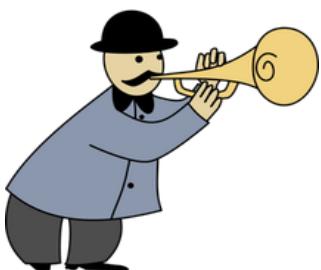
Open Teams

 - Thursday evening September 19, 26 and October 3

SOCIAL EVENTS

Melbourne Cub *Tuesday 5 November*

Xmas Party *Saturday 7 December*



HELP! HELP! HELP!

Barbecue help – once a month on a Saturday. Please consider making a small donation of your time to this activity. If 4 people commit it only means once every 3 months. Come on members – how easy is that!

KALAMUNDA BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS - JULY-SEPTEMBER 2019

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS

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

MELVILLE WINTER CONGRESS

Swiss Pairs

1st Gerry Daly and his partner Trevor Fuller

Restricted Final

1st Jenny Tedeschi and Margaret McRobbie

Restricted Consolation (Willetton Congress)

R/up Marlene Robertson and Lyn Shinnick

Swiss Teams

R/up Gerry Daly team including Don Allen, Christ Ingham and Trevor Fuller.



KALAMUNDA CLUB MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONS



1st Bente Hansen and Joe Louis

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

1st N/S – Mary and Michael Pepper

1st E/W – Barbara Guelfi and Audrey Totterdell

SOUTH PERTH TBIB CONGRESS

Congratulations to Lyn Roberts and Rory O'Halloran who blitzed the EW field in the Welcome Pairs. Great win.

It should be noted that Lyn and Rory had the lowest Masterpoints of the field.



WILLETTON NOVICE CONGRESS



KALAMUNDA LADIES AND MENS PAIRS

LADIES PAIRS

1st Bente Hansen and Madge Myburg



R/up Anita Davis and Sheila Price



MENS PAIRS

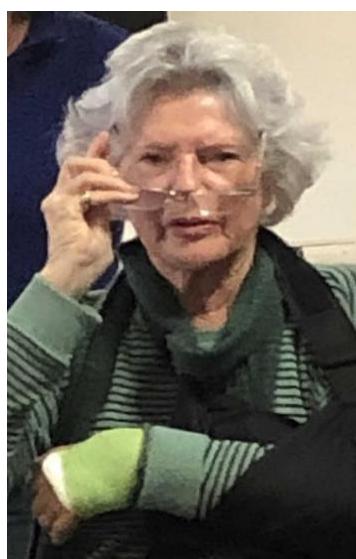
1st Tom Lemann and Stephen Thyer



R/up Brian Davison and Gordon Brown



AROUND THE CLUB



Nothing stops a good game of bridge!!



Two old codgers enjoying the sun during a break at bridge!

WHO HAS BEEN MISSED AROUND THE CLUB?



Whilst Sheilagh Thomas was in hospital Meg Bowness, Carole McMahon, and Carole Littlechild decided to take a deck of cards for an enjoyable game of bridge. Judy Morland has also been away with illness. Great to see you both back at the club.

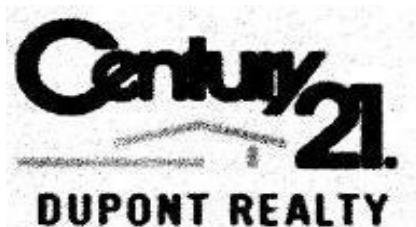
Answer to Bridge Problem:

The board was taken from a Kalamunda club competition

Only East/West ended up on the score board, and only one EW pair bid 3NT and one EW pair bid 6D.

Results Possible - North South: 1C or 1S

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