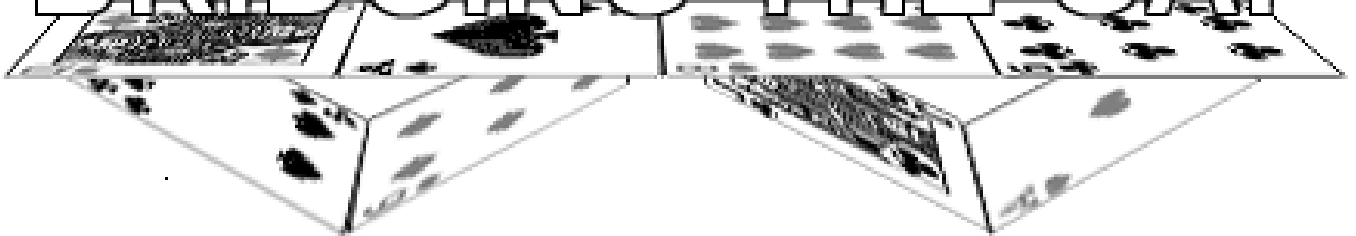




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EDITORIAL

Hello Everyone,

Winter is waning and Spring is just around the corner, as we welcome slightly warmer days.

Since the last edition of this magazine so much has happened. We have a new President and a substantially new Committee and we wish them well. We are so fortunate in having a club with so many special people, with so many who are prepared to put up their hand and say 'I will help'. Committee work is not difficult but it does require commitment and so many of our members are willing and prepared for just this. On behalf of you allA big thank you from all of us, to all of them. I loved my years as Secretary to the club and so enjoyed being in touch with everyone and everything, but I now look forward to my various roles in the background, and particularly trying to expand the BTG.

Recently I was analysing in my mind the word 'Bridge' A bridge over water, a suspension bridge sometimes over cavernous areas, a bridge on a ship, a swing bridge to allow vessels access, a bridge which is the upper part of the nose, a bridge on a violin which supports the strings and yes the game of Bridge. In each of these meanings the word 'Bridge' represents a word of strength and support. For all of us at Kalamunda Bridge Club both of these meanings apply. The support between each and every one of us is very evident and the strength of the game is enormous. Bridge never gets easier. The more one knows then the more complex and the more difficult Bridge becomes, but also the more challenging. This is why we all keep playing.

The club will be giving a set of eight Beginner lessons with Fiske Warren commencing on 28th October and so if you know of anybody who is thinking of learning to play bridge then please do urge them to either contact Peter Daniel 9291 8737 or Jenny Tedeschi on 9277 8010 or just come along to the club and see the Director before the due date.

"Without courage, all other virtues lose their meaning"

Winston Churchill 1874-1965

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cherry".

Cherry Zamudio

FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT- GARTH SCOTFORD.

At our recent AGM held on Saturday 15th August, Garth, as outgoing President gave his final message to the members. I will not detail Garth's speech in its entirety but would like to bring to you the essence of it. In part I summarise and in part I quote:

'The past year has been a very satisfying one for the Club but a very sad one as well, having lost three of our active players, Anne, Don and Jean.' There has been an advancement in the general quality of play. At State level our top GNOT team qualified to play in the National Finals in Queensland. Various members of the Restricted Team won the Inter-Club competition. At Club level too, no longer does any one pair dominate with nine or ten other pairs closely competing.

As regards improvements, we now have a larger car park, much of the vegetation has been cleared minimising the risk of fire, our shed container has been de-rusted and painted, we have new lamp coverings and the new tree we planted is flourishing. The Committee has decided on not doing anything about noise reverberation from the ceiling as the roof itself may in the future have to be replaced which will be expensive, which is why the club is working to build up its sinking fund.

The Club listened to the members and now, non-playing Directors or outside Directors are used for certain red point events. 'The Competitions Sub-Committee has been asked to look again at our competition scheduling now that BAWA confines all its evening events to a Thursday'.

Garth thanked the Committee for their commitment, naming each one of them for their contribution and said he had enjoyed being a part of the 'Getting Hands Dirty Team'. Garth did single out Rob McMahon, the Treasurer for his special thanks and I quote: ' Not only is he an excellent Treasurer, he is a mine of common sense and puts his hand to any maintenance job which needs doing... and he even cooks the sausages. Garth went on to say that he was sure Rob will continue to be a key member of the team going into the future.

Garth said he is delighted that the next President will be a woman, the first for a long time and he would give her help in any way, should she need it.

Garth's final words were words of caution. Although club members are friendly to each other and towards visitors, Garth reminded members that they have a duty of care towards the Club as well as the Club having a duty of care towards them. The Club owns its premises, and maintenance is entirely our responsibility. We have no paid staff except a cleaner once a week. Too often the Directors are left to clear up the room after sessions. The outside of the premises sometimes needs to be cleaned and Garth requested that members realise that their commitment to the Club does not end at paying the \$5 table money and maintenance should not be left to the Committee.

'Thank you again. My good wishes to the new Committee and let us all work to make the forthcoming year even better than the last'



Rob McMahon, thanked Garth for his enormous contribution to the Club during his three years of Presidency and the members gave Garth a standing ovation.

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ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS VOTED IN AT THE AGM ON 15th AUGUST 2015

The new Management Committee is as follows:

President: Denise Borger

Vice President: Gordon Brown

Treasurer: Rob McMahon

Secretary: Carole McMahon

Members: Carole Littlechild, Dianne Barker, Kaye Prance, Kris Nunn and Peter Daniel.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Writing date of 17th September, can it be just a month since the AGM? During the last 4 ½ weeks I have discovered how daunting a task President of a bridge club could be. However, this is not the case at Kal-amunda. It is exciting and humbling as I become aware of people taking up the myriad of vital roles that keep our club functioning smoothly.

Since the AGM, Val Parker has joined Betty Roberts to undertake training as Directors. These ladies will be making rulings at your tables during playing sessions, assisted by one of the qualified Directors. The Social Sub-Committee, with short notice after their first meeting, organised their first social event for the Club Birthday Party on Saturday 12th September. Club members who attended were very appreciative of the efforts of the Social Committee, and with a Sit-Out pair to help with tidy up, the kitchen ran very successfully. The Social Committee has requested that we arrange a Sit-Out for all future social events please! Restoring the club rooms to normal playing conditions, which requires the trestle tables to be put away, playing tables, chairs and side tables to be moved back into position and decorations to be taken down was a shared task. Thank you to all able bodied members who assisted with this. It might seem like a small thing at the end of the event, but it makes an enormous difference to the Social Committee members who have already done a lot of work towards the preparation and smooth running of the event. The Sub-Committee for Recruitment and Training is organised and working on our behalf. Lessons for beginners have been arranged with Fiske Warren for 8 weeks commencing 28th October at 7pm. Cherry has done some very effective investigation into advertising the lessons and Jean-Paul has once again provided some very effective posters for display at local businesses.

Monday Evening Practice Sessions have become a *bridge* for new bridge players. Our past records of retaining new players out of the lessons have shown a high fall out rate. Since the Monday Practice sessions, more of the new players from the lessons have stayed on and are beginning to play in some regular sessions. All of the club members who have been involved in the Monday Night sessions recognise the value of them. As a result, we now have a team of 8 club members, working in pairs, to run the Monday Night Practice sessions. I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to all eight of you as your role is vital and highly valued.

Another new initiative was the Saturday afternoon organised by Cherry where new players were given the opportunity to play with experienced partners. As this event was very successful it will be repeated intermittently.

The Competition Sub-Committee has 5 members. Gordon Brown remains the Chairperson, and he will call our first meeting when the BAWA calendar for 2016 is available. Gordon will draw up a proposed calendar for our competitions which avoids clashes with BAWA events. Sheila Pryce has taken on the role of Secretary of Competitions Committee. Sheila will liaise with other clubs about playing dates and then find teams from our club who are available for those dates. Thank you Sheila.

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The dealing of cards for our playing sessions each week is undertaken by another team of club members (possibly some double up of roles here). Gordon oversees the roster for this. Gordon also takes care of statistics to award monthly prizes. I feel I am not informed enough about all of the tasks Gordon does do at our club to properly thank him at this point in time.

Many thanks to:

Anita Davis, as Anita is prepared to retain the position of Partner Co-ordinator.

Garth Scotford our BAWA representative

Cherry Zamudio our BTG Editor and photographer

Margaret McRobbie backup photographer

Elizabeth Bazen Website Admin

So many people to thank, and I do thank you ALL.



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Do you have any idea at all who this man may be? He is a well liked member of the Club, and a good bridge player. He was born outside of W.A. but has called Perth 'home' for many years.



You should be looking at the little **guy** on the left.
As usual details of the **man** later in the magazine.

Yours truly, and with great trepidation, has agreed to take on the task of Club Photographer for the various functions in the club. My only knowledge of photography is 'pressing a button' but I think I will have to do some quick learning. However when I saw the following, I had to smile:

'I've taken up PHOTOGRAPHY' because it is the only hobby where I can shoot people and cut their heads off without going to jail'

Hope I can do better than this, but Margaret McRobbie is a hard act to follow as her photographs are just so professional.

The Redneck Family Tree:

Many, many years ago when I was twenty three, I got married to a widow who was pretty as could be. This widow had a grown-up daughter, whose hair was red as red. My father fell in love with her, and soon the two were wed.

This made my dad my son-in-law, and changed my very life. My daughter was my Mother, for she was my Father's wife. To complicate the matters worse, although it brought me joy, I soon became the father of a bouncing baby boy.

My little baby then became a brother-in-law to Dad, And so became my Uncle, though it made me very sad, For if he was my Uncle, thenthat made him brother, to the widow's grown up daughter, who, of course was my step-mother.

Father's wife then had a son, who kept them on the run, And he became my grandson for he was my daughter's son. My wife is now my mother's mother and it makes me blue, Because, although she is my wife, she is my grandma too!

If my wife is my grandmother, then I am her grandchild. And every time I think of it, it simply drives me wild. For now I have become the strangest case you ever, ever saw, As the husband of my grandmother, I am my own grandpa!!!!

Phew.....!!!!.....have you worked it out?

CLUB NEWS and NEWS OF MEMBERS

SITA WEGGELAAR: Bryan Totterdell phoned me one day and asked me if I knew that Sita knows the King of Tonga. I certainly did not, and asked Sita if she would tell me how she came to be a friend of the present King.

Sita, at sixteen years old, taught at Sunday School and Prince Lavaka, who is now the King of Tonga, was one of her pupils. Sita remembers him as being a typical boy, very exuberant and naughty. Coincidentally one of the girls in the same class eventually married Prince Lavaka and she is now the Queen of Tonga. Prince Lavaka was the second son of the King of Tonga but when the first son passed away and upon the death of the King, then in June of this year, Prince Lavaka became King.

While the present King was still young, Sita left Tonga and lived in New Zealand for many years, finally making her way to Perth. One day many years later, Sita received a phone call from Prince Lavaka's wife advising her that the Prince, who at the time was training in the Navy, was coming to Perth and could Sita take him shopping. Sita and a number of her relatives went to the ship when it docked in Fremantle, and Sita was escorted on board and given a huge hug by the Prince. After the shopping expedition and lunch at the Hyatt, the Prince and some of his naval friends accompanied Sita and her relatives to Sita's home where they had a barbecue and a Sing Song. As tradition dictates, the Prince was brought an already cooked whole pig adorned with hibiscus. The pig was taken back to the ship to be consumed by the crew.

Sita remembers the day well, and tells me she still has the glass the Prince used at the Barbecue. Such a lovely and memorable story and many thanks to Sita for sharing it with us. Attached are photographs Sita found and they are truly treasured by her.



Sita as a Dancer



The King of Tonga's Mother

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HOLIDAYS:

Jean-Paul and Jenny Tedeschi have just returned from a holiday in Europe. The other day at Bridge, Jean-Paul looked back on the weeks, as such a good holiday and such an enjoyable trip but when I asked him for an article for the magazine, describing the places they have seen, and their thoughts and their feelings of each place they visited, he quickly decided that Jenny would be the one to contact. So the following is from Jenny:

This winter Jean-Paul and I were lucky to be able to escape for a few weeks and spend time in the northern hemisphere. After flying in to Amsterdam and spending a lovely weekend there with our first taste of warm weather, we took the fast train to Brussels Midi on the Sunday afternoon. Our plan was to spend a week in Belgium visiting JPs parents who at 93 and 87 years are still going strong and have only just moved out of their family home of 50 years. They have a lovely 2 bedroom apartment in Waterloo a suburb about 20 mins from the city and close to JP's brother Didier. JP's mum was thrilled to be able to discard old furniture and buy brand new for their downsizing. Normally we would stay with them, but as they had only just moved in, they were not ready for visitors in their second bedroom, so we stayed in a hotel. We visited every day, where we were served a delicious lunch of aperitif, main meal, dessert and cheese, all served with some delicious wine of course. Jean-Paul's mum is a great cook, still at 87. She has always cooked Sunday lunch for her children, grandchildren and now a great grandchild. Usually there are between 10 to 12 people in a kitchen no bigger than 2x2metres and with no help and no dishwasher to boot. She is very excited to have one in her new place and while we were there we gave her lessons on how to use it.

From Brussels we took a short 1 1/2 hour flight to Pisa and then a bus ride to Lucca half an hour away. It is a beautiful walled town and we lived like locals for a week in a lovely apartment inside the walls. This is the birth place of Puccini and there are many classical concerts in lovely little churches dotted around the city. From there we flew to Budapest, another short flight, and had 3 days exploring the city. It has wide boulevards lined with cafes and shops and very elegant buildings. The Danube runs through the city dividing it in two with many fabulous places to visit on both sides of the river.

Our next stop was Vienna, a 2 hour train journey for another 3 day visit doing all the usual tourist things. One of the highlights for me was going behind the scenes on a tour of The Vienna State Opera House and also a beautiful Mozart concert one evening. Another train Journey of about 4 hours took us to Prague which would probably be the highlight of the trip. It is a stunning place with beautiful architecture. A magnificent Cathedral overlooks the Vitari River which divides the city and is served by several beautiful bridges over which one can walk to explore both sides of the town. On our last day we took a trip by train to a medieval village in Czechoslovakia a couple of hours from Prague. The train itself was old, probably from the 40's or 50's. We had a cabin to ourselves and the further we went the more we felt we had

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gone back in time. The countryside is lovely and the villages are very old with few signs of modern life. Our destination "Kuntna Hora" appeared to be a deserted station where we had to disembark and take another train or bus to the town. The OLD TOWN was a beautiful cobblestoned village presided over by a magnificent Gothic cathedral at the top of the hill. With many gorgeous old buildings to explore we spent a lovely few hours before returning to Prague.

Our last stop before home was UK. We stayed for a week in Suffolk in the lovely coastal village of Aldeburgh. We had rented a cottage and were joined for a few days by my sister who has been living in Oxford for the last 30 years with her family. We had the normal UK summer weather (rain) but managed to get out and about to explore the countryside and of course it was great to spend time with Fiona. We even managed a game of bridge on our last night as by then I was feeling a little deprived.



Thank you Jenny. What a wonderful holiday!

Garth Scotford and his wife Caroline have recently had a summer holiday in the U.K. where it rained constantly and the deck chair was never used and then to Spain for a little warmth and to visit the Art Galleries in Madrid. Garth spent time in the U.K. with family and friends and had a week with his two brothers which he says was very special and during this time played bridge with brother, Brian at Taunton Bridge Club in Bridgewater. Immediately on his return to Australia, Garth and Caroline, who had sold their property in Brigadoon, moved lock, stock and barrel to Nedlands and to suburbia. Good luck in your move, Garth, and we hope the future is a happy and challenging one and that we see you at the club, just as in the past.



From the left, John, Brian and Garth.

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I had hoped to be able to bring you an article from Ruth Ledger as she and her husband disappear into the outback from time to time. Unfortunately they were on their way again a few days ago and so it will wait until the next magazine. Dianne and Mike Barker are at this moment travelling by car across (yes literally across) Australia and so that too will be for next time.

NEWCOMERS DAY

I am told this was a concept of many years ago, but certainly since I joined the Club, it has never taken place, but it had been on my mind for quite a few months and therefore, before the AGM, I wanted to try to get it off the ground in the hopes that the idea will continue. To this end, I put out a notice asking all members to come along to a session of bridge on Saturday 8th August but without a partner. The idea was to bring together, either newcomers to bridge or newcomers to the club and partner those people with people who may be a little more experienced or who are long standing members. In this way the club would be completely integrated for the day. I was absolutely astounded at the response and we had eleven tables and a wonderful time. Newcomers to bridge were delighted to play with those a little more experienced and we hope Newcomers to the Club now feel that they belong. We have had many, many requests for similar days in the future. Thank you to everyone for your response and for making the day so special.

DIRECTORS CORNER

Call the Director!!

It is surprising how often minor problems are resolved at the table without recourse to the Director. You should call the Director **WHENEVER** something unusual happens at the table. He is there to help you. Playing Directors are first and foremost Directors and pleased to assist when necessary.

Decisions made without the Director can often disadvantage the offender so please call for assistance, **“Director Please!”** is not heard enough in our club room.,

BUT REMEMBER!!

Directors rulings are non-negotiable. You should accept the director’s ruling, in good grace and with out argument. If you are dissatisfied with a ruling you are at liberty to appeal it after the scoring is completed. (Up to ½ hour after the scoring). The Director will have more time to discuss it then, and may refer it to the Chief Director.

SOME COMMON PROBLEMS

a) ENQUIRING ABOUT AN ALERTED CALL

Many of us are unaware of the regulations governing enquiries about alerted or self-alerted calls. Failure to follow these regulations may penalise the partnership.

Self alerting calls are those which automatically draw players attention to them. These are :- doubles, redoubles, cue bids and any bid at the four level or above.

If a bid has not been alerted it should be considered as natural and an enquiry about it may be inappropriate (except the possible point range of a skip bid). If you consider yourself to have been damaged by the failure to alert you should call the Director at the end of play. The Director has the authority to adjust the score to remedy this.

When opponents make an alerted or self-alerted call, you are entitled to ask specifically about that call, **BUT ONLY AT YOUR FIRST TURN TO CALL AFTER THE ALERT**. At the end of the auction any questions should be directed at the **whole auction**, not a **specific call**; an appropriate method of asking would be **“Please explain the auction”**.

Any questions about a call or calls must take into account Law 16 B which says:

“If a player makes available to his partner extraneous information that may suggest a call or play, as by means of a question..., the partner may not choose from among logical alternative actions one that could demonstrably have been suggested over another by the extraneous information [Law 16B1(a)].”

Hence whilst the Laws grant you the right to ask questions, unnecessary inquiries, or questions directed at particular calls, may limit partner’s options in the subsequent bidding or play. It is therefore advisable not to ask questions if your intention is to pass regardless of the answer.

b) INSUFFICIENT BID

The remedies may for this are quite complex so, if you do not wish to accept the insufficient bid you should call the Director to have the options explained. Do not try to sort this out yourselves.

DECLARER LEAD OUT OF TURN

It is commonly thought that if Declarer leads from the wrong hand, he can simply put the played card back and play from the correct hand.

This is incorrect. Either defender can require the lead to stand. If the defenders disagree, the next in turn to play prevails. If the defender following the infraction does play to the trick the lead is automatically accepted.

c) THE CONTESTED CLAIM

When the outcome of a contract is clear it is proper, and players are encouraged, to claim the tricks they can see.

The claim should be accompanied by a statement of the play intended to achieve the result.

AT THIS POINT PLAY MUST STOP!!

Playing the hand out is **NOT AN OPTION**. If you wish to contest the claim, **CALL THE DIRECTOR** and state your objection. The Director must determine the outcome. The Director may require all remaining cards to be faced.

Good Bridging

Alan Harper

MEMBERS RECENT COMPETITION RESULTS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS.

I do not include every result for every member in every competition but try to include results of the top few.

State Restricted Pairs: Winners: Peter Cameron and John Ewing.

Undercroft Congress May 2015: Plate: 5th Garth Scotford and Jamie Paterson

Fremantle Congress : Plate: 1st Carole Sexton and Cherry Zamudio.
Final: 9th Wendy Harman and Judy Ternahan

Nation Wide Pairs: Mandurah Bridge Club compete in this National event and Carole Sexton and Cherry Zamudio came 2nd at Mandurah Bridge Club.

A.N.C Restricted Butler Pairs with 48 competitors: 18th - Sheila Pryce and Anita Davis
23rd Stephen Thyer and Peter Clarke

South Perth Congress – Open Pairs : Outright Winners – Madge Myburgh and Bente Hansen with +70%
We are so proud of you!

Western Seniors Pairs May 2015 with 78 Entrants – 28th Gordon Brown and Sheila Pryce

BAWA Swiss Pairs August 2015 – 3rd Gerry Daly and Viv Wood.

State Open Pairs – 1st Gerry Daly and Trevor Fuller

West Coast Bridge Club Congress: September. Final: 3rd Gerry Daly and Viv Wood
12th Mike Grenfell and Valerie Parker

Plate: 1st Wendy Harman and Madge Myburgh

Nedlands Bridge Club 3 Day Congress – Sat 19th September = 7th N/S Gordon Brown and Sheila Pryce

10th E/W Garth Scotford and Cherry Zamudio

KALAMUNDA BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS TO SEPTEMBER 2015**Ladies Pairs:**

1st. Carmen Jackson and Wendy Harman

2nd. Bente Hansen and Madge Myburgh

3rd. Sheila Pryce and Anita Davis

Day Time Teams:

1st. Peter Clarke, Mike Klasztorny, Nic Moniodis and Joe Louis

2nd Carmen Jackson, Bente Hansen, Garth Scotford and Jamie Paterson

3rd Gordon Brown, Sheila Pryce, Anita Davis and Brian Davidson

Intra Club Performances:

- 1st. Stephen Thyer
- 2nd Jamie Paterson
- 3rd Carmen Jackson

Mens pairs:

- 1st. Brian Davidson and Gordon Brown
- 2nd tied: Mark Goddard and Mel Foster
 Nic Moniodis and Joe Louis
 Stephen Thyer and Guy Gaudet

GNOT: The following Teams went into the State Finals:

- 1st. Wendy Harman , Carmen Jackson, Madge Myburgh, Bente Hansen
- 2nd. Alf Dupont, Sheelagh Dupont, Greg Dupont, Ian Medlycott
- 3rd. Mark Goddard, Mel Foster, Gordon Brown and Sheila Pryce

Mixed Pairs:

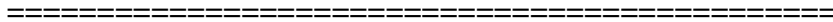
- 1ST. Joe Louise and Elizabeth McMillen
- 2nd. Madge Myburgh and Mark Goddard
- 3rd . Garth Scotford and Cherry Zamudio

NEWCOMERS DAY:

- North/South 1st: Michael Barker and Mike Grenfell
- 2nd: Carole Littlechild and Bert Littlechild
- 3rd: Jim Steel and Valerie Parker

- East/West 1st: Carole Sexton and Kerry Elliman
- 2nd. Lyn Shinnick and Stephen Thyer
- 3rd. Rory O’Toole and Eleanor Bennett

I have tried hard to make sure that I have all the results recorded since the last BTG Magazine in May of this year. If by any chance I have missed a Congress or an entry then please let me know and it will go into the next copy of the BTG.



Dating Ads for Seniors seen in a Florida Newspaper ‘The Villages’

BEATLES OR STONES?

I still like to rock, still like to cruise in my Camero on Saturday nights and still like to play the guitar. If you were a groovy chick, or are now a groovy hen, let’s get together and listen to my eight-track tapes.

MEMORIES

I can usually remember Monday through Thursday. If you remember Friday, Saturday and Sunday, let’s put our heads together.

and my favourite....

MINT CONDITION

Male, 1932 model, high mileage, good condition, some hair, many new parts including hip, knee, cornea, and valves. Isn’t in running condition, but walks well.



Law of Gravity:

Any tool, nut, bolt or screw when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

Law of Probability:

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of Random Numbers:

You dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal, someone, always answers.

Law of close encounters:

The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of logical argument:

Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Law of Public Speaking:

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

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Our mystery person for this edition?..... Yes it isJOE LOUIS



Joe was the middle of five children an older brother Ken, an older sister Annette, younger sister Dianne and brother, Terry. Joe was born in Biloela (located in the “Banana Shire” in Queensland) and comes from farming stock. The family were graziers with vast areas of land. Joe sat back and recalled his youth. He says, there can be nothing better than a kid growing up on a farm. At ten to twelve years old his Dad taught him how to shoot a gun and to drive a tractor and he rode horses and lived the kind of life some children can only dream of. He remembers his dad snaring kangaroos, skinning them, drying the hide and selling them from the farm

When I asked Joe about his schooling, with a laugh, he said he did not go to school until he was seven years old as there were no other children in the area his age and when he did get to Kooingal State School there were just two in the class, and he was always the eldest kid in his class for the rest of his schooling days! After four years, this school was closed and Joe went to stay with his God Parents in Biloela and went to a Catholic School for a year or two. Following this, he travelled by school bus to Prospect Creek State School and remained there until year seven. And then, yet another move to St. Brendan’s Christian Brothers Boarding School in Yeppoon where Joe stayed until his schooling years were complete.

Next, came an apprenticeship as a Fitter and Turner in Engineering in Biloela which Joe enjoyed greatly and Joe tells me that the company is still in existence today. Joe recalls his very first car, a blue Holden Ute, purchased at the age of eighteen and very proudly owned by him. After his apprenticeship Joe worked for a Drilling Company in North Queensland and when this same company offered him a position in Western Australia for twelve months, Joe jumped at the chance and remembers the first place he stayed in Perth was the Como Hotel. During this time Joe’s Mother and his brother were both ill and Joe decided he should return to Queensland and run the farm until they recovered. I asked Joe if he enjoyed farming but his answer was an emphatic ‘no’ and he was pleased when he could get back into Engineering. Just as a little aside, Joe’s Mother is alive today and is one hundred and two years old.

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After the family health improved, Joe was once again offered a job in Western Australia and has been here ever since. Joe's first position was in the Gold Fields from 1969 – 1971 during the Nickel boom when shares soared from cents to hundreds of dollars, and there seemed to be money everywhere!!! And to use Joe's description it was Risqué!! In 1970 Joe ventured overseas on holidays to Singapore, Penang, Bangkok and Hong Kong. In 1971 while working on a drilling rig, a drill pipe fell on his arm and almost severed his wrist, broke bones, and tore tendons and Joe was transferred to hospital in Perth by the Flying Doctor. It was another nine months before Joe could resume work. During this time Joe joined a friend who had a property in Keysbrook and travelled to a physiotherapist daily. From being unable to move even a finger, finally he had the use of his hand and arm again. It was during all of this time that Joe became friendly with the Stud Manager at Heytesbury Stud and got involved in horse racing. Such happy care free days and Joe and a friend named Jim bought a race horse called Talent Rose for \$200. The intention was to have Talent Rose mated to Silver Knight who had won the 1971 Melbourne Cup, but the plan came unstuck when the Stud Master from Heytesbury Stud was fired! Joe and Jim raced Talent Rose with some success. At her first start she finished third and the TAB dividend was \$33.70 for a 50c outlay but Joe didn't have a zack on her! Another memory was a horse named Sureman which Joe raced at Kalgoorlie and won a goodly sum of money which he kept in the fridge of the Palace Hotel where he was staying. For several years following this time in his life, Joe became quite a heavy and successful punter. Joe continued his involvement with race horses until wife, kids and a mortgage became more important.

Joe now recovered and still with the same company, was one of the first people to go to the Telfer Mine which is 300km east of Port Hedland and following this, into Iron Ore at the Tom Price Mine which is where Joe met his wife who was working at the same mine. Joe was transferred into a Management position and was moved to Perth and Joe and Margaret, who had resigned from her job at Tom Price Mine, were married in Perth in 1977. It was in this year that Joe and Margaret bought a block in Lesmurdie, built a house, and Joe still lives there today. With a laugh, Joe recalled those days when there was little money for furniture and curtaining and he and Margaret lived in an unpainted house, with sheets at the windows as curtains and a minimum of furniture. Happy, happy days! Today, Joe's son Bradley is living in Perth and his daughter Shannan lives in Vancouver, Canada

In 1979 Joe joined a South African Company, drilling for diamonds in Derby at Ellendale for approximately a year. This mine was closed and Joe was asked if he would be prepared to move to Botswana but declined the offer and went to another drilling company, working in management for roughly two years commuting from Perth to the Company's offices in Melbourne. The Company was eventually sold and Joe went with the company and remained with them until he decided to branch out on his own in 1995 and has never looked back from that day onwards.

Joe worked from home, travelling overseas and throughout Australia, buying and selling Mining Equipment. He bought a yard in Walliston which he still has today and, with his son, who joined him in the business and wife Margaret who ran the accounting side of the Company they went from strength to strength. In 1999 Joe made a trip to Romania, seeking new business ventures. Joe recalls that as he stepped into the country it was just as if he was stepping back in time with horse drawn buggies in the main streets and each house having a pig sty at the back as pork was the main meal that was eaten. Joe visited Rosa Montana a gold mining village. When Communist rule took control of Romania after WW2, the local villagers blasted the entrance to the underground mines so the government couldn't take the gold and to Joe's knowledge they have never been recovered. The communist regime was overthrown in 1989. Other business ventures were to India in 1996 and several trips to Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea and New Caledonia which was totally French speaking. Joe recalls that that was a challenge! Very sadly, Margaret passed away in 2008 but Joe continued and still today he is involved in some small way.

In 2012 Joe visited Shannan in Vancouver. They hired a car drove through the Rockies then flew to the east coast of Canada visiting the Niagra Falls, Quebec and Montreal. They flew to New York, stayed a week, then to Las Vegas for a few days, and on to Seattle. From Seattle they took a ferry to Victoria, Vancouver Island, a very pretty spot. From Victoria back to Vancouver in an amphibious plane. A great holiday!

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Joe plays bowls at Pickering Brook Bowling Club and although he has not told me this, I understand, he is one of their top bowlers. It is certainly a sport he enjoys enormously. Kalamunda Bridge Club is lucky to have Joe as a member. Always a smile, always prepared to give a helping hand and always the one to beat.

The following was sent for inclusion in the magazine by Mel Foster. Mel has been a member of this club for a very long time. However, he usually plays on a Thursday evening and so those of you who do not come on a Thursday, then you may not know Mel....

LIFE:

On the first day, God created the dog and said "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The dog said "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?" And God said that it was good.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said "Entertain people, do tricks and make them laugh. For this I'll give you a twenty year life span." The Monkey said "Monkey tricks for twenty years? "That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?" And God again said it was good.

On the third day, God created the cow and said "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this I will give you a life span of sixty years." The cow said "That's kind of a tough life. You want me to live for sixty years? How about twenty, and I'll give you back the other forty? And God agreed it was good.

On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this I'll give you twenty years." But the human said "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; That makes eighty, okay?" "Okay," said God "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everybody. Life is now explained!!!!

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I have a much better idea than sitting on the front porch. Come and play bridge, I promise we don't bark.... !!!!!!!!!!!!! Just as an aside, do think about Thursday Evening Bridge. It is great, the people are great, the bridge is great and you would be so welcome.....do I need to do any more convincing?

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BIRTHDAY PARTY 12th SEPTEMBER 2015

As usual this occasion was well attended. As is normal on this day the Club provides the lunch as a thank you to members who come to play bridge so regularly, who are always there to support everything the bridge club organises, and who work so hard during the year to help and provide the facilities we all enjoy.



Carole and Denise – Raffle time!



Kerry and Kaye



Jacky at the luncheon Table



Margaret, Joan and Jenny



Anneli, Jamie, Nina and Jean-Paul

The Birthday lunch was delicious, the bridge was good, the raffles magnificent and everybody had a fun day. We had thirteen and a half tables and as Denise said in her President's message, so many people stayed behind to help restore the club to good order. How is it that our wine casks and our Punch Bowls are so popular? It has to be the fun on the day and the companionship we all enjoy!



Rob and Garth



Jean, Joe and Barbara

The results of the bridge are as follows: Bridge Winners:

North/South	1 st Bert and Carole Littlechild	East/West	1 st Joanne Payne and Stephen Thyer
	2 nd Mike and Mary Pepper		2 nd Margaret McRobbie and Jenny Tedeschi
	3 rd Joe Louis and Guy Gaudet		3 rd Barbara Bibby and Jean Rackham



I once again come to the end of this edition of Bridging the Gap. I sometimes ask myself "How does it feel when I reach this stage each time?" If I am really honest it is a sense of loss. I so enjoy bringing to you items of news, bridge results, members achievements, happy photographs and some laughs to take with us upon our way. I am delighted to receive items for inclusion in the magazine, so please keep them coming. I cannot always use them immediately but I am ever grateful to receive them.

The Club is regularly having between eight and eleven tables at many of our sessions which is really outstanding. One of our members was speaking to members of a much larger bridge club than ours and was told that they are lucky to reach this number of tables on many of their sessions and when one considers the difference in the number of members in each club, then I believe it goes to show how united we are, how much we all enjoy our bridge, how challenging it is, for we are all playing so much better, and how friendly we are to each other. If it wasn't for all of these factors, members would not come along on such a regular basis.

Keep bridging, keep laughing, but please, not too loudly in the Bridge Room, and have fun. Until next time, and thank you for joining me on this journey

All the Best,

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