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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jean-Paul Tedeschi



Hi everyone

We have had a great year of bridge. Recently we had a very successful busy bee that was well attended. Thanks to everyone involved. The next workout will be just before the KDBC congress in March next year, and will be advertised by no other than DI Barker.

Melbourne Cup, was lots of fun, food and bridge. My partner for the day got the horse right but not the bridge partner

As usual our Xmas party was well organised. The trophy presentation by Denise Borger was very efficient, thank you Denise. The raffle

raised over \$450.00 - well done to everyone, especially Judith Poole for arranging the wonderful baskets, and all the members and sponsors for their generous donation.

The next few months will see competition warming up and I hope we will see many members enter, make new partnerships and new teams.

The committee and I are very happy to announce that two members are going to do the Directors course early next year. Well done Alan Puckey, and Ross Pringle.

On behalf of the committee and myself we wish, all members and their families a safe and happy XMAS and a great New Year



From the Editor

I advise that this is my last newsletter. I am handing this task over to Di Van Santen and I encourage members to support Di as you have me. Thanks to those members who contributed articles over the last few years.

Betty Roberts

AROUND THE CLUB

RECENT RANK PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following members who have achieved a Masterpoint promotion:

Graduate	Valarie Farr and Lesley Moon
Local	Ronnie Malthouse
Bronze Local	Barbara Bibby and Bernard Szalkowski
State	Elizabeth Bazen
Life	Peter Clarke

NEW MEMBERS



The Kalamunda District Bridge Club welcomes the following new members. We look forward to seeing you all at regular club sessions in the very near future.

Glenys Hope, Wesley Huber, Betty Collins, Dennis McKinley, Roneva Wood, John Wood, Joyce Sheena, Suzanna Dewar.

GRAND SLAMS

Madge Myburg/Peter Clarke	7NT W	Monday 19 September
Michael Pepper/Jim Steel	7NT E	Monday 3 October
Sandra Hoffman/Joscelyn Charters	7NT E	Monday 3 October
Nicolas Moniodis/Betty Roberts	77C N	Friday 7 October
Sheila Pryce Gordon Brown	7C N	Friday 7 October
Wenday Harman/Joe Louis	7NT N	Friday 21 October
Mary & Michael Pepper	7NT N	Friday 21 October
Kaye Prance/Carole Littlechild	7NT N	Friday 21 October
Rosemary & John Offer	7S W	Wednesday 26 October
Alan Puckey/Ross Pringle	7NT E	Monday 14 November
Nicolas Moniodis/Carmen Jackson	7NT E	Monday 14 November
Carole Littlechild/Kaye Prance	7C N	Saturday 10 December
Bernadette McStravick/Ronnie Malthouse	7H W	Monday 5 December
Elizabeth McMillen//Jean-Pail Tedeschi	7INT W	Monday 5 December
Mary & Michael Pepper	7NT N	Saturday 10 December
Stephen Thyer/Carmen Jackson	7NT N	Saturday 10 December

70% CLUB

Nic Moniodis/Carmen Jackson	75.52%	Monday 21 November
David Harris/Gordon Brown	70.54%	Monday 26 September
Barbara Bibby,/Derick Johnston	75.5%	Thursday 15 September
Kit & Tom Lemann	71.1%	Saturday 24 September



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

<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>
Kerry Elliman	Betty Roberts	Shirley Eaton
Wendy Dodd	Kaye Prance	Sheila Pryce
Maureen Keast	Nic Moniodis	Marlene Robertson
Anne Todd	Mike Pepper	Marie France Van Hall
Eleanor Rowley	Judith Poole	Alan Sharp
Bruce Gardiner	John Offer	Michelle McDiamid
Barbara Daniels	Doug Hegarty	
	Kristine Nunn	
	Lyn Shinnick	
	Kate Sayer	
	Tosh Tielman	
	Eileen Bresland	
	Lee Sharp	
	Hilary Danskin	
	Betty Collins	



MEMBERS WHO HAVE RECENTLY HAD ADDITIONS TO THEIR FAMILY TREE

Great Grandchildren Jackie Harper



Twin cousins—Harper and Mia

Jackie had two great granddaughters born on the same day, same hospital, to two borthers, Lewis and Michhael Nock. First girls in our family since their grandmother Joanne -1964. Very happy day.

Cousin and sister for Harvey Nock.

CONGRATULATIONS AND ENJOY

CLUB EVENTS

OPEN PAIRS

28 September/5 October 2022

20 pairs competed in the 2 session event.

Winners



Bente Hansen & Wendy Harman

Runners up



Tom & Kit Lemann

MIX-N-MATCH

8 October 2022

Another successful Mix-N-Match session was held on Saturday 8 October. This is a popular event where more experienced players are paired with newer players.

Results:

Winners North South



Ronnie Malthouse & Margaret McRobbie

Winners East West



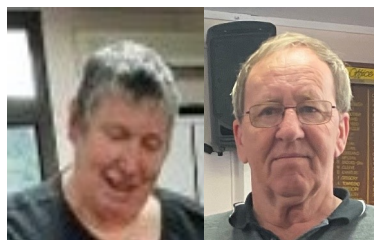
Kaye Prance & Robert McMahon

Runners up North South



Cherry Zamudio & Helen Ottosson

Runners up East West

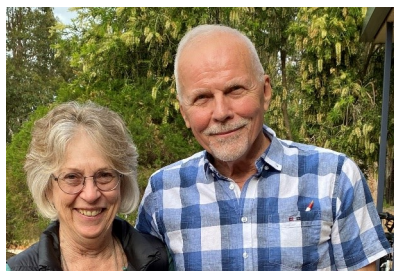


Lynne Roberts & Jim Steel

NOVICES PLATE

21 October 2022

8 pairs competed in this event with the following result:



Winners: Di Van Santeen/Erik Moller



Runners up: Sherrill Duncan/Wendy Dodd

MELBOURNE CUP

Members came together for Melbourne Cup celebrations on Tuesday 1 November. As can be seen by the photos, it was a fun and enjoyable day.

1st N/S

Alan Puckey/Ross Pringle



R/up

Stephen Thyer/Carmen Jackson



1st E/W

Margaret McRobbie/Jenny Tedeschi



R/up

Judith Poole/Lynne Roberts



Members enjoying the day







CHRISTMAS PARTY CELEBRATIONS

10 DECEMBER 2022

The Christmas party was very well attended with 16 tables, split into two sections. Results for the day:

Section A Winners

N/S - Diane Smith/Barbara Daniels

R/up Elizabeth Bazen/Denise Borger

E/W - Robert Willemsen/David Kininmonth

R/up Joseph Gaudet/Joscelyn Charters

Section B Winners

N/S – Rob & Carole McMahon

R/up Julie Bechelli/Betty Roberts

E/W – Tom & Kit Lemann

R/up Jacqueline Keir/Jim Steel

Proceedings commenced with the presentation of awards and competition winners

Individual – Frank Parker Plate

Stephen Thyer

R/up Jenny Tedeschi



Men's Pairs - Rex Mizen Cup

David Kininmonth/Robert Willemsen

R/up Bruce Cowen/Mike Grenfell



Women's Pairs - Constance McCullough Cup

Sandra Hoffman/Cherry Zamudio

R/up Cora Brown/Mary Pepper



Mixed Pairs - Elfreida MacLean Trophy

Carmen Jackson/Stephen Thyer

R/up Joscelyn Charters/Ross Pringle



Daytime Pairs - (<300 M/points)
Sponsor - DVG Cup
 Mike Pepper/Jim Steel
 R/up Joscelyn Charters/Jenny Tedeschi



Daytime Teams
 Dee Nicholson, Dianne Barker, Carole Littlechild,
 Julie Bechelli
 R/up Mike Barker, David Harris, Rob & Carole
 McMahon



Open Pairs - Mike Hopper Shield
 Bente Hansen/Wendy Harman
 R/up Kit & Tom Lemann



Open Teams - Sylvia Parker Plate
 Joe Louis, Guy Gaudet, Nic Moniodis, Madge
 Myburgh
 R/up Sheila Pryce, Gordon Brown, Tom Lemann,
 Stephen Thyer



Restricted Pairs - (<50 m/points)
Gerry Riley Vase Trophy
 Lynne Roberts/Judith Poole
 R/up Peter Bolden/Colin Meek



Novice Pairs (<15 m/points) - **Susan Collinson Plate**
 Di Van Santen/Erik Moller
 R/up Wendy Dodd/Sherill Duncan



Knockout Pairs
 Peter Clarke/Joe Louis
 R/up Tom Lemann/Stephen Thyer

Most Improved Pair - Mercia O'Meara Trophy
 Sandra Hoffman/Carole Sexton
 R/up Elizabeth McMillen/Bernard Szalkowski



Champion Pair (Monday Morning) - Vera Kenworthy Memorial Trophy
 Peter Clarke/Joe Louis
 R/up Carmen Jackson/Nic Moniodis

Champion Pair (Wednesday Afternoon) - Doris Broad Plate

Peter Clarke/Stephen Thyer
R/up Guy Gaudet/Joe Louis



Champion Pair (Saturday Afternoon) - Mike Nestor Cup

Carmen Jackson/Stephen Thyer
R/up Gordon Brown/Sheila Pryce



Champion Pair (Friday Afternoon) - Venture Cup

Sheila Pryce/Gordon Brown
R/up Jenny Tedeschi/Joscelyn Charters



Most Masterpoints - Helen Wolyniec Trophy

Stephen Thyer
R/up Sandra Hoffman



Club Directors were acknowledged for their service to the club. A game cannot proceed without a Director!

From the left: David Kininmonth, Denise Borger, Rob McMahon, Cora Brown and Jean-Paul Tedeschi (absent - Alan Harper & Elizabeth Bazen).

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Group Photo



Judith Poole surveying raffle prizes



Christmas spread



Judith Poole & Lynne Roberts in charge of selling raffle tickets.



From the left: Mari McKie, Pat Edington, Carmen Jackson, Lesley Moon, Valerie Farr



Anita Davis - always colorful



Room view - such concentration



Diane Smith, Barbara Daniels & Mike Grenfell



From the left: Barbara Guelfi, Cherry Zamudio, Lina Zampichelli, Carole Sexton



Helen Browne-Cooper, Glenys Hope & Mary Simmonds



Jacqueline Keir, Mary Pepper, Jim Steel, Mike Pepper

HOLIDAY REPORTS

GOOG'S TRACK & ANNE BEADELL HIGHWAY TRIP (Sept/Oct 2022)

About 6 years ago, along with JP and John and Lyn Shinnick, Mike & Di Barker decided to 'go bush' and see a bit of the outback.

John & Lyn wanted to see some "real bush" so Mike & Di guided them on some "loops" on the western end of the Anne Beadell Highway located in the Eastern Goldfields of WA (in explorer Frank Hann's country East of Laverton) and the Sandalwood country at Plumridge Lakes!

Of course, JP was not going to miss out on that one!

Due to a lack of time to complete the whole of the Anne Beadell Highway (1300 kms) from Laverton to Coober Pedy, it was decided that we would travel in convoy for about 400 kms from Laverton to Neale Junction then head down south to Balladonia on the Eyre Highway and return home. It was always on our bucket list to drive the complete road through to Coober Pedy one day.

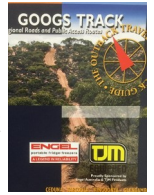
The Anne Beadell Highway was constructed in 1952 by Len Beadell, a surveyor and road builder and named after his wife. Len had been charged with selecting and preparing a site for the British Atomic Bomb test sites during the scary Cold War after WWII. He recommended the extremely remote area near Maralinga in South Australia to the Australian/British Governments. The resulting access road stretched from Coober Pedy in the east to Laverton in the west directly through the Great Victoria Desert.

Our Anne Beadell Highway adventure came to fruition in late September this year when the Barkers and JP hit the road with a camper trailer for us and a camp stretcher and sleeping bag for JP. We decided to get the easy part over with first and cross the Nullarbor via the Hyden-Norseman gravel road with stops in Norseman (great Saturday night at Norseman pub with the locals), Madura (where we took a side trip to the limestone caves and fascinating paleontological fossil site on the coastal plain) and Nullarbor Roadhouse (with another loop to the excellent facilities at the "Head of Bight" whale watching center (although no whales showed up!) and finally Ceduna.



Di with Fossil

From here we diverted onto a magnificent short cut along Goog's Track through the Yumbarra Conservation Park and Yellabinna Regional reserve. This is an adventurous 4WD drive track (not for the faint hearted) through rolling, golden sand dunes covered in diverse vegetation. We arrived at the southern end of Goog's Track which starts at the very pretty Goog's Lake after passing through a southern section of the 1700 km 'Dog Fence'.



Mike & Di at the start of Goog's Track



Relaxing at sundown at Goog's Lake Campground

Goog's track is roughly 200 kms of sand dunes, some around 25 metres tall. Wonderful spring wildflowers of all colours were out, interspersed with Spinifex, Sheoaks, gnarled Eucalyptus, picturesque salt lakes and some low granite outcrops. Spectacular Mt Finke rises 360metres out of the dunes like an enormous lizard-like monolith or Si-Fi Sandworm.



Mt Finke from Goog's Track

The following two days were challenging with an endless succession of rocking-n-rolling up and down magnificent long, deep, heavily scoured sand dunes as well as having to be towed up one of them by JP.



Bogged! Assistance gratefully accepted

Once the spare tyre was removed from under our car and put on the roof rack of our 2 tonne camper trailer we were towing, it became much easier. The spare tyre had been acting as an anchor and digging into the sand and bogging us halfway up! A wonderful night under the stars watching the crescent moon going down below Mt. Finke with a campfire cooked meal and wine made for a memorable moment. The night sky was amazing with no light contamination to diminish the millions and millions of stars and the misty Milky Way.

After completing Goog's Track, with much relief, we travelled a couple of hundred kms on rugged corrugated gravel road beside the Trans Australia railway line past Tarcoola, Kingoonya to Glendambo on The Stuart Highway north of Woomera. Arriving in Coober Pedy Caravan Park, our next stop, we spent two days R&R, replenishing supplies, cleaning up, enjoyed hot showers, washed clothes and examined the attractions of the exciting opal town. The underground opal shops and unusual sculptures were very interesting. It also enabled us to contact family and let them know we had survived Goog's! Walking into town for an evening meal was fine but became a bit scary on the way home with a couple of groups of intoxicated locals creating a ruckus.

After completing Covid RAT's tests and sending photos of them to the Maralinga Aboriginal Headquarters in accordance with our permit requirements, we refilled fuel & water tanks and commenced our long trip along the Anne Beadell, (forecast rain was not going to stop us!). The Anne Beadell "Highway" is really a quite challenging 4WD dirt track in pretty poor condition with some horrendous corrugations, rocky limestone sections and washaways deep enough to ensure we rattled all the way. The sandy dune areas around Tallaringa Conservation Park on the Western side of the amazing 1700km Dog

Fence provided some relief. Some unusually arranged Aboriginal? rock markings in the middle of the bush piqued our interest.

Two days spent at the rehabilitated atomic bomb test site at Emu was fascinating. The Atomic Bomb totem sites also displayed the results of the intense heat from the explosions with extensive fused slag like, glass sand fragments all over the ground.



JP & Di at Emu Atomic Bomb Site

After being stopped by Roger, the Aboriginal Ranger, and his wife from Maralinga Community south of Emu (checking on our permits) he recounted tales of WA prisoners and drug traffickers attempting to pass illegally through the Maralinga Tjarutja lands.

After a very windy, dusty and rain showery night we left Emu with storm clouds building towards Laverton. JP insisted he was very comfortable and dry in his waterproof Swag.



Emu Camp—Storm coming!



After Voake's Hill Corner at BMR3 Road – Rain Storm ahead

Sure enough, late the next day west of Voake's Hill Corner we hit quite heavy rain with water flooding down the road and numerous muddy bog sections.



*Flood water on road.
note broken CB radio aerial!*

We heard later that Warburton Community to the northwest had 75mm of rain and the Great Central Road to Uluru was closed for 3 days! However the country side from here on was very attractive and clearly benefiting from a good rainy

season in the 'Great Victoria Desert'! Many of the wonderful smallish red sand dune areas were covered in lush green desert vegetation. Flowering spinifex, Emu Bush, Acacia, Eremophila, bright red Sturt's Desert Peas, brilliantly coloured Hakea, Grevillea and Christmas tree Mulga, interspersed with Black Oak Casurina, Native Poplar, Mallee Cyprus and gnarled Gidgee trees. The shady western Myall Acacia tree is very long lived with some estimates of up to 1000 years old! So many magnificent purple, yellow, white and pink wildflowers are scattered over the bush. Further west in Mumungari Conservation Park and the Neal Junction Nature Reserve, fields of wavy *Astrostipia nitida* grass are spread amongst beautiful, graceful, majestic, light barked desert trees. The diversity is quite spectacular and difficult to absorb on a short road journey.



Flowering Spinifex



Superb bushland at BMR3 Road



Pussy Cat Tails (Ptilous)



*Emu Bush (Pinyuru)
Eremophila cuneifolia*



Bird life seen included several Emu groups enjoying the rain puddles, Bush Bustards, Mallee Fowl (very lucky to see it scurrying away off the road) and Sand Grouse. Skittish lizards commonly warmed themselves on the road while other wild-life included camels, emus but surprisingly few kangaroos.

Crossing into WA on the western side of the impressive Serpentine Lakes we left the wonderful Mumungari Park and Maralinga Tjarutja Lands and entered the equally attractive country of the Spinifex People centered at Ilkurlka. The Ilkurlka Roadhouse is about halfway and after several days it was great to have a shower in the well set up campground even if we did have to light the old donkey HWS for hot water (thanks JP!). It was actually a nicer shower than most caravan parks but no electricity! The price of fuel had been steadily rising as we travelled along but this topped them all at \$3.56 per litre. By this time vibrations from the horrendous road corrugations had sheared a bolt off Mike & Di's Landcruiser rear shock absorber and destroyed both our and JP's two way radio aerials. So most of the morning was spent (with fantastic and grateful assistance from the Ilkurlka Roadhouse supervisor) repairing some of the damage and contacting a mechanic in Laverton to arrange for delivery and fitting of shock absorbers for our cruiser when we arrived in 2 days' time. Luckily the roadhouse has a public satellite phone as mobile phone coverage had been non-existent since we left Coober Pedy. We were on the road again by lunchtime through the picturesque Neale Junction Nature Reserve woodland, with several herds of camels around and past the well-known landmark of Bishop Riley's Pulpit.



Bishop Rileys Pulpit

Our last night bush camping was at Yeo Lakes (without the horrible Sand Flies that Lyn Shinnick encountered on our last visit) before arriving in Laverton about mid-morning. At this point JP headed off to Kalgoorlie and home to Perth. We stayed a further two nights and had new shock absorbers fitted to the car as well as repairs to the towing electric cables for the camper van which had been torn off in some deep boggy puddles along the way.

Laverton caravan park was adequately comfortable for an outback town, and we enjoyed the relaxed helpful town people. The town was nice and clean with tidy streets and a great Visitors Centre catering for many travelers along Great Central Road to Warburton, Giles, Docker River and Uluru. We also had a surprisingly excellent meal at the local pub in the evening. David the Kiwi mechanic in Laverton with Desert Sands Mechanical, completed a rapid, excellent repair job on the Landcruiser and we departed for Kalgoorlie to spend a night with Di's brother and family before continuing home.

Thanks to Di, Mike and JP for a very interesting travel report.



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WELLBEING 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.

Note from the Editor

As editor I would like to encourage you all to pass on anything you think will be of interest to members of the Bridge Club. Please contact the committee or Di Van Santen - divsanten@gmail.com.