

# BRIDGING THE GAP

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## EDITORIAL

Hello Everyone,

It is winter, but so far not excessively cold for prolonged periods, and fortunately some good soaking rains. Some of us enjoy winter and do not mind the cold with the rain and others enjoy summer despite the sometimes overpowering heat. I fall into the latter group and often envy my daughter and family their climate on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland. A visit to them, which I have had since the last edition of the Magazine, is always so special, and my time with them is always a joy, but I believe, and I think we would all agree, that at the end of the day home is home, and home is with family and friends and bridge wherever that may be!

Speaking of bridge, as one does every day, it is great to see so many members enjoying so many sessions of bridge and in particular so many newer members and potential members enjoying the Monday Supervised Bridge, which is run by Jenny and Jean-Paul Tedeschi with help from Anita Davis, Julie Bechelli and many others. This particular evening is going from strength to strength and is a great vehicle in maintaining the ongoing interest in bridge and a wish to improve, and for those new to the game it allows those people to get a 'feel' for it. For there is definitely a point in the learning curve where suddenly the sky is brighter and bidding makes more sense and one becomes more attuned to the game. But so many of us have discovered the learning never ends which is why we come back session after session in order to get it right next time! Do we ever?!!! Fiske Warren's lessons are proving to be invaluable in this respect.

My quotation for this edition:

*'Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity'*

George Smith Patton (1885-1945) American Army Officer

Cherry Zamudio

## FROM THE PRESIDENT – June 2016

Greetings to all,

Gosh, we are a few short weeks away from our AGM. August 13 is approaching and has come around very fast! Perhaps you would like to consider joining the Management Committee for the coming year, or nominating a club member for this? The poster for Management Committee nominations is in the foyer of the club.


I would like to thank all of the club members currently working with me on the Management Committee during my first year as a Committee Member and President. It has been a time of induction and I have aimed to listen and respond to all suggestions from club members. There have been so many things to do but fortunately I do not have to do everything. For this I have so many people to thank for contributing to the continued functioning of our Bridge Club. You might have noticed that the Knockout Competition can now be scored using Bridgemates. This is because Peter Cameron has further developed an Excel file that can be used in conjunction with Compscore2. The manual scoring applied to this event was always done by 2 or more people to ensure accuracy. However, with the electronic scoring this event now enjoys the same correction period as ALL club events (usually one week). When players check their results on the web, if they notice a score has been recorded incorrectly and report this to the Director within the correction period the error can be corrected. Many thanks Peter for this initiative from me and our team of Directors.

Thank you to our Recruitment and Training team for the vital role they play in maintaining the growth of our club. Beginners lessons in October 2015 and in February this year presented by Fiske Warren have resulted in a boost to the number of new players in our Monday evening sessions. The initiative of engaging Fiske Warren to present lessons at our club has taken a lot pressure off club members who were doing this work AND it has created a positive momentum for our Recruitment Team making their task easier.

The first set of Intermediate lessons planned for the year presented by Fiske Warren had a strong attendance over each of the 4 weeks. There were between 24 to 28 attending each of the 4 lessons! Friday 17 June was the last of Fiske's lessons. This was followed closely on Saturday 18 June with a lesson on Competitive Bidding Judgement by David Beauchamp. The timing of the last lesson from Fiske and the one-off lesson by David raised considerable concern that we would not have enough members attending. However, David was in Perth for one week and Saturday was the one cancellation in his schedule which became available to our club. 30 bridge players attended the lesson by David Beauchamp – which was even higher than expected in the weeks leading up to this event. David presented his topic and had all of us present, ready to bid beyond our normal range when distribution of trumps opened the hand to this opportunity. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Viv Wood, and subsequently Gerry Daly for approaching relevant Committee Members with a request from David Beauchamp to come to Kalamunda during his brief one week visit to Perth. While thanking David for his time and information, I asked him to record Kalamunda on his list of clubs interested in receiving lessons on any of his bi-annual visits to WA.

Thank you to Cherry for your organisation of our recent Mix 'n Match event. Thanks to the experienced players and the new players who came and made this event the uplifting success it was. Thank you to the Social Committee and Management Committee members who oversee the kitchen and purchase of kitchen and coffee consumables. I might add at this point, that keeping the coffee area and kitchen sink clean and tidy after all sessions is a responsibility for all club members. It is important to keep the coffee area free of sugar and coffee crystals because these attract ants. Thank you to the club members who have taken on the shared role of providing the Sausage Sizzle each month. Sausage Sizzle is one of the days when we need more people to assist with washing up and putting things away in the kitchen. The drawers and cupboards have labels if you feel unfamiliar with this. We enjoy an atmosphere of friendship and shared responsibility at our club. Thank you to all who contribute and continue to come and play bridge.

Regards



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Margaret McRobbie sent me the following and it is classed as a riddle for seniors. So in advance I challenge those in the club who are not seniors and commiserate with those of us in the club who are seniors, but I do believe we are in the majority!! It is essential one looks carefully at the riddle before reading the answer at the end. I tried all sorts of commutations but had to finally give in. See how you score:  
*You are on a horse, galloping at a constant speed. On your right side is a sharp drop off. On your left side is an elephant travelling at the same speed as you. Directly in front of you is a galloping kangaroo and your horse is unable to overtake it. Behind you is a lion running at the same speed as you and the kangaroo .....*

***What must you do to get out of this highly dangerous situation? Think logically before you look below for the answer.....***

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‘Quietly..... Get off the Merry-Go-Round, then go home, take your pills and take a nap’ .....sorry but I was caught too!!!!

For this edition of our Magazine I have asked a long standing female member of the Club to be our special personality. When I first asked if she would be this person, she said her life is completely boring and she has nothing of value to impart but when we went through her life, I found it absolutely fascinating just as I am sure you will too. **From this photograph do you have any idea at all who she may be?**



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Without doubt all of us have ‘happenings’ in our lives – some are good and some are not so good. I came across the following and I believe it would apply to each one of us...

‘On this road called life, you have to take the good with the bad, smile with the sad, love what you have and remember what you had. Always forgive, but never forget. People change, things go wrong, but just remember the ride goes on!’

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**DIRECTORS’ CORNER**

In this edition of the BTG, Elizabeth Bazen has kindly offered to impart some of her knowledge on the rules of Bridge.

**Insufficient bids**

A bid that fails to supersede the last preceding bid is an insufficient bid.

An insufficient bid may be treated as legal if the offender’s left-hand opponent (the next player whose turn it is to bid) accepts it. Players might choose to accept an insufficient bid because it allows them to bid at a lower level, either supporting their partner’s suit or showing a new suit. Or to pass at a lower level, which also tells their partner a lot about their hand!

If the insufficient bid is not accepted, then the offender must correct it with a legal call. Offender has 3 options to correct the insufficient bid, these are:

- 1. Bid the same suit (or correct the no trump bid) at the lowest, legal level. The auction then continues without further rectification.**

This generally applies to natural bids and overcalls.

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**2. Make a legal call that, in the Director's opinion, has the same meaning, or a more precise meaning, than the insufficient bid. The auction then continues without further rectification.**

This generally applies to artificial bids. Artificial bids can be difficult to correct with another bid that has the same meaning. Carrying a system card to all sessions will make it easier for players to demonstrate to the Director what artificial bids their system includes.

Example 1

W: 1♠            N: 1♥

North did not see West's opening, and opened with an insufficient bid, intending to show opening points and a heart suit. If North's system card shows that doubling opponent's 1♠ opening shows opening points and a heart suit, then North may correct their bid to X.

Example 2

W: 1NT           N: 2♠            E: 2♦

East did not see North's bid. If 2♦ was a transfer to hearts, East may correct their bid to 3♥ without barring partner from the auction.

Example 3

W: 1♣            N: 1♥            E: 1♦

1♣ is explained as being Precision.

East did not see North's bid; East's system card shows that 1♦ is negative, showing 0-7 points. East may correct their 1♦ bid with a Pass, which also means 0-7 points, so partner is not barred from the auction.

**3. Make any other legal bid, or pass. The offender's partner is then barred from bidding, and must pass for the remainder of the auction.**

Example 4

W: 1NT           N: 2♠            E: 2♦

Again, East did not see North's bid and 2♦ was a transfer to hearts. However, East intended to raise partner's 2♥ response to game in 4♥. East may choose to bid 4♥, rather than risk the auction being passed out in 3♥, however West must then pass for the rest of the auction.

**Adjusted scores**

The offending pair is not allowed to gain any advantage from the insufficient bid. At the end of the hand any player may call the Director, or submit a written appeal, if they think the non-offending pair have been disadvantaged by the insufficient bid. The Director will judge if the contract is a reasonable bridge result that could have been achieved without the insufficient bid. The Director may award an adjusted score if the non-offending pair have been disadvantaged.

Example 5

If, after an insufficient bid, an offender chooses to make a bid that excludes his partner from bidding any further *knowing that silencing his partner will benefit his side*.

An insufficient bid during an ace-asking sequence could allow the auction to finish at a lower level than should have been possible without the insufficient bid. The Director may award an adjusted score if this disadvantages the non-offending pair.

Example 6

If an insufficient bid allows the offending pair to bid a higher contract, than should have been possible.

An insufficient bid can keep the bidding lower, allowing players to exchange more information about their hands through bidding. The Director may award an adjusted score if the offending pair reach a slam contract that would not have been biddable without the insufficient bid.

Insufficient bids are governed by law 27 of the *International Code Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007*. You can download a copy of these laws from the World Bridge Federation:

<http://www.worldbridge.org/laws.aspx>

Elizabeth Bazen

Thank you Elizabeth!

The following exchange recently appeared on the internet, claiming to be a transcript of a radio conversation that actually took place at sea between two radio operators, although the story was immediately denied by the US authorities.

**Ship:** Please divert your course 0.5 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

**Reply:** Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

**Ship:** This is the captain of a US Navy Ship. I say again, divert your course.

**Reply:** No. I say again, you divert YOUR course!

**Ship:** THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS CORAL SEA. WE ARE A LARGE WARSHIP OF THE US NAVY. DIVERT YOUR COURSE NOW!

**Reply:** This is a lighthouse. **YOUR CALL!**

and.....

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs. A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale!!!!

A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the trash, answer the phone, read a book and get the mail. A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

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### **NEW MEMBERS TO THE CLUB**

This item in the Magazine is new, as I felt we as members, would want to welcome new members to our midst, and so if you see a different face amongst us you would like to welcome them to the club. I will go back as far as the AGM last year but hope in the future to bring this article up to date in each edition of the BTG. It is great to hear that membership to the Club is growing. I list below new members since August last year.

**Dan and Pat Cheyne ...** We are delighted to welcome Dan and Pat to Kalamunda Bridge Club and are delighted they play regularly.

**Carole Dickie.** Carole travels a long distance, each time, just to be with us and play at the club. Welcome Carole! It is lovely to see your permanently smiling face!

**Blair and Wendy Farquhar** – Blair and Wendy in their time, have belonged to a number of bridge clubs but have in the recent past now moved to Kalamunda and have joined our club. We are delighted they are with us and enjoy seeing them at the club. The two of them usually play together but Wendy now and again, ventures out on her own playing with other members. A very big welcome to you both!

**Gerry Emmons** – Gerry has in the past been a long standing member of this club but has recently re-joined. Welcome back Gerry.

**David Kininmonth** – David is President of Swans Bridge Club but likes to sometimes play at Kalamunda. Welcome David it is great to see you at the Club.

**Mike Klastorny** – Mike is now a Home Club Member.

**Dereck Johnston** – Has joined from the lessons

**Christine Valhala** – Has joined from the lessons

**Joanne James** – Has joined from the lessons

**Brian Daxter-** Brian a previous Club Member, has returned to Wattle Grove

**Carol Daxter-** Carole a previous Club Member, has returned to Wattle Grove

**Bruce Cowen** – Bruce is a previous Club Member, who returned to lessons and now to the club.

A great welcome to you all and I hope you will be as happy in the club, as we are happy to welcome you.

Carole McMahon, our Secretary, tells me that we have eleven applications approved and these are awaiting finalisation and one more application 'in the pipeline'. This is great news and I look forward to welcoming these prospective members in the next edition of the magazine.

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### **MEETING UP WITH A BIG MAN**

#### **A Tribute to Bryan Totterdell from Garth Scotford**

It's appropriate that Mohammed Ali and Bryan Totterdell had their funerals on more or less the same day. They were both Big Men.

My wife and I first met up with Bryan when we were more or less virgin Australians. We were on a convoy across the Great Sandy Desert, driving our own vehicles, and we all assembled for the start in a Car-

narvon campground. He was the first person we spoke to on that trip, were labelled “Pommie bastards” on our first night under the stars and never stopped liking, nay loving, the bloke since.

Bridge followed...I happened to mention that I played bridge in the UK but hadn't since we got to Australia. Soon after we got back from one of the most hilarious sessions of camp fire evenings of all time, he took me, not to Kalamunda, but to Swans Bridge Club, because that was nearer my home. We played together for some while and were actually quite successful – his complete disregard for the bidding system so confused our opponents that we used to get away with murder.

Ever since, we have been good friends with Bryan and Audrey. What a woman that Audrey is too. Many of you may know that Bryan loved to tell jokes and tell stories that you start off believing and then realise that they are jokes as well. Audrey would be sitting at the table, knowing what's coming and having heard them many times before. Her eyes would roll to the top of her head if you looked carefully but she never interrupted the flow. Such patience!

Bryan would ring me at home using one of his many disguised voices, usually aboriginal, and trying to sell me something. We fell for it at first but after a while, if a strange voice asked for Mr or Mrs Scotford, we just used to say “hello Bryan”. That confused charity callers no end sometimes!

So why a Big Man? Well, Bryan (Mr. T, Tott, Tottie) was always on top of things and knew quite a lot about everything. He then used that store of knowledge and experience to help all those around him...he gave of himself all of the time. I could go into anywhere in Midland connected with the automotive industry with his recommendation in my back pocket. I just had to mention his name and doors opened. I admired him so much. He wasn't petty, he wasn't begrudging...he lifted my spirits when they needed lifting. When I visited him when he was ill, it was me that came away feeling better. He had heart, a big heart, and that is why he was a Big Man. No wonder we were spilling out of the doors at his funeral

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## **MEMBERS TRAVELS**

### **John and Lyn Shinnick**

The following is a continuation of the great plans of John and Lyn. John always hoped that Lyn would enjoy travelling and camping but one looks at the amazing caravan the two of them have (BTG December 2015) and it is hardly camping, with every ‘mod con’ one could wish for. The eventual plan is to travel Australia extensively but the two of them have had a number of minor holidays first, with the last one for six weeks to South Australia being the longest. When I saw John and Lyn on their return and asked how it had gone a smile stretched across both faces and John in particular is delighted, as he knew he would enjoy the holidays but was not quite sure of Lyn's reaction, which was in fact ecstatic! So for this edition, a report on the South Australia holiday:

### **CARAVANNING HOLIDAY TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

#### **THE PLAN**

Our holiday mission was to learn as much as possible about the world of caravanning and spend six weeks travelling and touring the Nullarbor, the South Australian Riverland and the Yorke and Eyre Peninsulas. Fortunately, part of the plan was to holiday with our experienced co-caravanning friends based in Renmark.

#### **REMARK AND THE MURRAY RIVER**

We met our destination target of Renmark on the Murray River by travelling the 2,700 kilometres over six days. Our plan was to spend five days with our friends in Remark and then tour the two Peninsulas with them for three weeks.

En route to Renmark we were definitely in the camp of believers that see the Nullarbor as far from boring, particularly the WA side. The variety, the surprising lushness, the ever present Hampton Tableland and the forever interesting and friendly co-caravanners was far from uninteresting.

Renmark is known for the Murray River and its ferries, bridges, locks, pubs and scenic cliffs, and also supplies the nation from its fruit and nut orchards, has Australia's largest rose garden, largest black stump and largest Murray River suspension bridge. It has a large retiree population and the restaurant, community clubs/pubs, tourism and retail industry ably cater for the local and transient population. We enjoyed all of these and more and left on our next leg, with many treasured memories of our stay.

## THE YORKE PENINSULA

Renmark through the Clare district and around the Yorke Peninsula coastline was a distance of 950 kilometres. We holidayed for 9 days spending seven in caravan parks and two separate bush camps. The highlights of this section included:

**Lake Bonney** - our first night was unforgettable for our introduction to bush camping, the campfire, toasted jaffles, balmy weather and the sights and sounds of hundreds of feeding pelicans.

**Clare** - we enjoyed two nights in Clare and spent a full day on a personalised bus tour of the wine growing district including a historic rose garden and the Seven Hills monastic winery - the home of Mary MacKillop, Australia's first saint. Amazingly, what we Sandgropers call hogget, has been reinvented in the Clare district as saltbush mutton - we were not fooled.

**Stansbury** - is a quaint and tidy popular tourist destination for Crow Eaters with a must stay caravan park with helpful patrons. We spent three days here and engaged in unsuccessful jetty fishing outings, day trips to Edithburgh's wind farm and a must have visit, to enjoy the delights of the Yorketown bakery.

**Point Turton** - South Australia's little secret. We spent another three days here and again failed to succeed with our jetty fishing. The town is nestled in the protected Hardwicke Bay and was our launch point to visit the attractions of the "Bottom End's" Innes National Park, Marion Bay and Corny Point. The Inland Sea Restaurant and it's takeaway King George Whiting and other ocean delights are a must visit and buy for the seafood connoisseur.

**Port Hughes** - we spent two days here finally successful with fishing off the jetty with our crab nets. Cornish pasties, homemade chocolates, a lolly shop, historic copper town tours and a second hand "junk shop" had to be seen to be believed in the adjoining town of Moonta.

## THE EYRE PENINSULA

We travelled the 700 kilometres of coastline from Port Augusta in the East to Streaky Bay on the West Coast. We holidayed for 6 days and enjoyed the most wonderful weather conditions and tourist appeal. The highlights of this section included:

**Two Bush Camps** - we enjoyed two consecutive bush camps with the traditional happy hours, camp fires, toasted jaffles, travelling companions and the joy of outback and unencumbered travel. En-route to our next stop of Coffin Bay we travelled through the employment stressed town of Whyalla and the uniquely attractive towns of Lucky, Arno and Tumbly Bays. The common features of South Australian outback coastal towns is their obsession with bakeries and jetties, RV friendly services, town pride and a culture of renovating and maintaining historical residences and community buildings.

**Coffin Bay** - we were now spending two days at the centre of the Oyster and King George Whiting industry, we were in seafood heaven. The first evening we went to the exquisite 1802 Oyster Bar and Bistro and learnt that we were there at the behest of our travelling partners who were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary - a memorable night and delightful meal. Coffin Bay must be visited for its history, day tours, seafood delights and its sense of the untouched - we will go back in a heart beat as it was our most memorable stop.

**Streaky Bay** - sadly we left Coffin Bay, but fortunately we found an equally attractive town. Sadly this stop was our last with our friends and our final stop before pointing West to home. The caravan park, food and rugged coastline tourist attractions kept us busy for the two days.

**Head of the Bight** - we parted from our friends, drove from Streaky Bay, dropped into Smokey Bay to collect six dozen Angel Oysters and ventured 400 kilometres onto the Head of the Bight. The Southern Right Wales were yet to migrate, but the viewing facilities were unbelievable - we are definitely going back in the migration months of June to September.

## HOMEWARD BOUND

After the Head of the Bight we had a 1,900 kilometre drive home via Esperance. Sadly we knew we were only one week out from home. However, we felt we had fully achieved our plan with the gain in knowledge and experience. Our homeward bound attractions included:

**Bush Camps** - with the experience gained with our friends from Renmark we enjoyed our first two nights bush camping on the Nullarbor Plain. We missed the romance of the campfire, but this has only heightened our plan to fabricate a fire box before our next sojourn.

We were humbled at one of our bush camps when we met a 75 year walker - Michael Pauley. He was on his Perth leg that would complete his 20,000 kilometre journey in 17 months - so much for our demanding 7,000 kilometre trip in the luxury of a Lancruiser and 24 foot luxury caravan.

**Frazers Range Station** - 100 kilometres from our childhood town of Norseman this once flourishing station has been reinvented as a tourist caravan park. Tourist walks, 4Wd farm tours, a bush tucker restaurant, a community campfire, "shearer's quarters" accommodation and classy campsites are jewels of the Nullarbor. If you are a caravanner you should make this stop a must.

**Esperance** - after having breakfast with a long time friend in Norsemen, we ventured to Esperance and camped for two days in the yard of Lynette's brother Wayne. Esperance has always been a holiday magnet for Goldfielders and it did not let us down this time either.

**Home** - we left Esperance, travelled through the picturesque Southern Wheatbelt and stayed at Corrigin overnight before sadly reversing the van into our driveway in Mundaring - holiday over after 45 days!!

### OUR SOUTH AUSTRALIAN VIEWPOINT

For natural beauty, the South Australian landscape fails to match our state of WA. Without the appeal of the Murray River, the Flinders and Gawler Ranges and all our Peninsula holiday spots the rest of our South Australian travels were arid, flat and unattractive. However, when enjoying the caravanning experience these comparisons are minor barriers

### CONCLUSION

The fun and celebration of caravanning continues to be an insatiable pleasure for us both. The joy of our palace on wheels, the pleasure that nature offers on the road, bush camping, 5 o'clock happy hours, the friendly RV public, spending 4 weeks with our friends and unencumbered freedom, are but a few of the delights that bear out the inducement of caravanning. Maybe as novices we are seeing the world of caravanning through rose coloured glasses - we have no plan to throw these glasses away.



Thank you John and Lyn – It all sounds amazing!

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Our mystery personality is ..... **Sandra Hoffman**





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Sandra Hoffman .... 'La femme extraordinaire' and how delighted I am to be able to bring to you her life.....

I arrived at Sandra and her husband Bob's home to be greeted at the door of this beautiful vintage house, built one hundred and ten years ago and named LELHAM after the properties owned by Sandra's family from the Mordella/Mundijong area and originally from Yorkshire. I was ushered into the hallway, from which rooms spilled in all directions and each room lined almost floor to ceiling with books well read and well worn and the floors covered in the most beautiful Persian and Belgian carpets. A joy to see and I knew immediately that I had entered a much loved and a very loving home.

Sandra was born in a small Private Nursing Home in Shenton Park, which unfortunately no longer stands today. She has a younger sister and the two girls grew up in the hands of a Mother who wanted nothing less for them than the very best education, and the very happiest life has to offer. Today Sandra and her sister are the greatest of friends despite being separated between Perth and Melbourne.

Sandra learnt to read fluently by the age of four and her love of books has remained with her throughout her life. Sandra's collection of Children's books would be the envy of any library and covers a huge area of wall space in their home. 'Milly Molly Mandy', and 'Mr and Mrs Bear and friends' were absolute favourites with Sandra, and I went immediately to admire the complete sets of all series of Enid Blyton's novels she has, remembering my love of them when I was young.

Sandra commenced school at the Methodist Ladies College, but excitement turned to disappointment and boredom when she found that none of the other children could read and all they seemed to be given were pictures to colour and no actual learning. Sandra's Mother decided to make a schooling move, and Sandra was sent to the Claremont Infant School which she loved and where her Mother, as a relief teacher, taught seven to eight year olds. However Sandra remembers her entire school years so well, as she always seemed to be in trouble and spent much of her time standing in the corridor. On reflection she felt that she was possibly bored, inherently lazy (although I find that hard to believe) but whatever the reason she was ear marked by all the teachers as 'the girl who disturbs the class'!

Sandra's Father was a Bank Manager and he was transferred to Mount Barker and Sandra looks back on those days as blissfully happy. Sandra and her sister played with all the children from the local farms and Sandra remembers hunting and cycling with either dogs or small children in the bicycle baskets, and participated with relish in all the things boys enjoyed. It was at this time that Sandra says she consciously became a dedicated feminist as she felt only boys did exciting things in life and Sandra loved this type of existence. She remembers particularly rabbit, kangaroo and fox hunting and tree climbing. Their most treasured bounty was Fox Tails and Ears for which they received four shillings. Sandra helped the boys in the Shearing sheds, they punted on the swamps, and families had night functions at the local Golf Club which was the 'Social Hub' in Mount Barker. Life was blissful, free and easy .

The family left Mount Barker when Sandra was fifteen years of age they moved to Albany and after six weeks boarding with an Italian the family moved to a house on Mount Melville and the girls went to school on Mount Clarence. Throughout their schooling, Mother had insisted that the two girls come home for lunch and return to school in the afternoon and the cycling up and down mountains became quite a trial but as Sandra said they did become very fit!!! Sandra completed her schooling at age seventeen and would really have liked to be a 'lady of leisure' but she soon found that this was not to be and in the absence of anything else, she reluctantly went to a Teachers Training College in order to teach Primary School children. Sandra loved the long holidays but did not really feel it was her vocation and only much later in life did this happen. On completion of her training, Sandra decided to spread her wings and went with a friend on an overseas trip lasting thirteen months. The two girls embarked on an Ellinis Greek Line Cruise ship to Athens and travelled through Greece, Italy, France and Spain ending up in London. It was here they parted company and Sandra remained in London where she taught at a local school. In the morning it was year two teaching and in the afternoon year five. She remembers that to be quite a juggling act. One of Sandra's other duties was to travel on buses in order to protect the drivers from the children.....!!!

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During Sandra's time in England she travelled extensively to Wales, Scotland, Spain and mostly on bicycles and hitching lifts. One night she remembers sleeping in a freezer van on the way to Skye. Ireland, France, Germany, Norway, Sweden and Denmark were other countries visited and in particular the Berlin Wall where they were given explicit instructions on what to do and what not to do. This has remained a lasting well remembered, sombre memory. It was now time to return home and Sandra decided to cash in her return ticket on the ship and with a friend travel overland instead. And so followed visits to Turkey

Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iran and Iraq where she visited amazing mosques, and had amazing experiences. But by the time she reached Delhi lack of money became a huge issue, and the girls had to contact Sandra's Mother requesting funds for the return fare to Australia. A kind Uncle came to their rescue but Sandra was quick to say that he was almost immediately reimbursed on their return!

On her return to Australia, and while she taught, Sandra went to the University of Western Australia part time, and achieved an Honours in English, studied Italian and French languages, and then switched to Classics, History and Art. Sandra completed a double major in English and embarked upon a Masters degree but backed out due to a Marxist Supervisor. Sandra's travels though, were not yet over, and she went on a study holiday to Florence to the 'Universita di Stranieri' for six weeks staying with an Italian family where she learnt to speak Italian sufficiently to understand and make herself understood, and enjoyed and met all nationalities of students. Finally it was time to return to Australia but this she did via Thailand and Bangkok in order to purchase a bronze cutlery set from this area!

In 1973 came the next phase in Sandra's life. Husband to be, Bob Hoffman, who had emigrated from America, was introduced to Sandra by a mutual friend. As with many such meetings it provided lasting memories. Bob phoned and made the necessary arrangements but his car broke down en-route. Another meeting was arranged and the same happened again but eventually the two of them met and have been together ever since. Bob had been married previously, and Sandra says, she is also lucky enough to have a wonderful step-son, Scott. The wedding took place in Perth in 1974.

The couple initially lived in Mount Lawley but in 1982 the family moved to Hedland College for three years where Sandra taught TEE English to Years 8-9. And next followed Bunbury, in 1986, which is where Sandra started tutoring dyslexic children. This was to be the beginning of the most satisfying and rewarding work experience Sandra has ever had and she continued with this until she decided it was time to retire, relatively recently. Lasting friendships were made and dyslexic children were given the chance to read.

But I digress. During this time, daughter Marilla, and forever after called Rilla, was born. Rilla inherited the family's love of literature and from the time she could walk she used to come to her Mother with piles of books wanting them to be read to her. I thought that aged four was very young to be able to read fluently, but Rilla surpassed that, and she was able to read by the age of two. Sandra said in the beginning she would point to a word such as 'tree' and ask Rilla what the word was and Rilla would know immediately and so, yet another lover of literature was born. In 1991 the family returned to Perth. Bob to Notre Dame University as Librarian, and Sandra to continue tutoring. The family had many overseas visits and Sandra recalled particularly, a world tour where Rilla was taken to America to meet Bob's family which are from a German/Irish background. Rilla loves America and the family, and has returned on many occasions to visit.

Bob had been Librarian at Curtin University, the Teachers Union and at Mental Health Services, but during this time had decided to start his own business as an online book shop which was one of the first of its kind. The business went from strength to strength, with Rilla eventually coming into the company to join Bob. This, together with Nellie, their beloved dog, curtailed world travels for a while. Nellie, who was over sensitive, could not be left as she pined for them and Nellie lived until the ripe old age of nineteen years!! Holidays resumed after her passing and the family had two trips to Tasmania, two to New Zealand and a double cruise to the Baltic and Eastern Europe and the second cruise to Mediterranean countries and a trip to Canada with Rilla the highlight of which was Prince Edward Island the home of L.M. Montgomery and her Anne of Green Gables. The online book shop continues, although Sandra says with

so many online book shops today, it is difficult to compete, but this is not the criteria, it is the love of books and literature which is an enduring passion for them all.

I asked Sandra what she enjoyed most in life today and the answer is that she is passionate on Quiz Programmes and watches them almost constantly, Cryptic Crosswords, Architecture and dolls of every type of which she has at least a hundred which were originally Rilla's. Sandra says she has often wondered on the latter and puts it down to being deprived of them during her younger life as there were so few of them during the last World War. Sandra continued..... She has to live in an old house, nothing modern will do. She loves paintings, she loved to knit and sew for the dolls, and absolutely anything to do with children's books, languages, ornaments of every sort and from so many countries, literature and of course BRIDGE!

I noticed the cabinet full of DVD's and Sandra told me, that those are Bob's passion and there are very many, on Science Fiction, which has been, and is, an eternal interest to him. Rilla lives in her cottage at the rear of the house and the three of them see much of each other. Sandra's Mother has lived with them Recently, but as she is now one hundred and six years old and for the sake of safety, Sandra feels it is time for her to go into care. Sandra is the chauffeur in the family and she looked at me thoughtfully and said, with such a beautiful smile, how fortunate she has been in life with such a loving and united family around her.

I agree wholeheartedly and believe one can ask for nothing more! Thank you, Sandra. I have so enjoyed spending my time with you and being a part of your life.... for just a while.

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The following is something I read, and on several occasions it has popped back into my head. I thought I would share it with you:

*THE LAW OF COMMON SENSE: If too many people enjoy the free ride, and not enough people help pull,... the wagon isn't going anywhere.*

My goodness this applies to everyday life, and in whatever we do in life!! There are certainly some pertinent thinkers out there!

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### **MIX n' MATCH FUN DAY**

This day has been in the planning for quite some time. With so many requests from so many members for another such event, the date was set for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016. It was a great day once again with many happy players, playing with people they never normally play with, and newcomers to the Club able to get to know some of the members and on top of that good bridge. Members brought with them plates of snacks. At my suggestion it should be a 'small' plate of snacks but mountains of food arrived and almost all was consumed!! We had afternoon tea followed by snacks and wine or non alcoholic punch to celebrate the winners. Much laughter and chatter ensued after the game and once again it was voted a day to be repeated in the future. The top results are as follows but it was not a day of competition exactly, but a day of camaraderie. Dan and Pat Cheyne newer members to the club arrived at the last minute. They did not know it was a designated day and normally partnerships on this day are pre-arranged but they joined in too and said afterwards that they are so happy to be Kalamunda Bridge Club members. Another member, said that her sister-in-law wished they had similar days at their club. It is great to receive such feedback and a very big thank you to our regular stronger bridge players who are delighted to play with, and to give encouragement to, newer players and play with newer members and I am certain a few bridge tips were imparted along the way. An enormous 'Thank you' to everyone from me and particularly to Garth who offered to come along to direct and was prepared to play if necessary, or pull out depending upon unexpected arrivals!!! With much gratitude to you all  
Cherry

### **Winners:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Margaret McRobbie and Adele Silcox and a bottle of wine each!
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Steel and Rory O'Toole
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gordon Brown and Marlene Robertson

**KALAMUNDA BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS TO 2016**

**National Restricted Butler Pairs**

The three pairs who qualified from our club were: Mark Goddard and Mel Foster, Nic Moniodis and Joe Louis and Murray and Jan Stirling. Two other pairs qualified through the WABC and they are Peter Cameron and John Ewing coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the qualifications and Stephen Thyer and Joanne Payne coming 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Open Pairs**

- 1<sup>st</sup>. Stephen Thyer and Gerry Daly
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sheila Pryce and Gordon Brown
- 3<sup>rd</sup> . Ruth Ledger and Peter Clarke

**Most Consistent Player**

**April:** Winner Ann Todd and Runner-up Carmen Jackson  
**May:** Winner Ann Todd and Runner-up Carmen Jackson

**Most Improved Player over All Sessions**

**April:** Winner Barbara Guelfi and Betty Roberts and Runners-up Bente Hansen and Carmen Jackson  
**May:** Winner Elizabeth McMillen and Betty Roberts and Runners-up Carole and Rob McMahon.

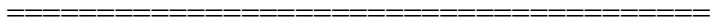
**Mens and Ladies Pairs**

- Mens:** 1<sup>st</sup> Gordon Brown and Brian Davison  
2<sup>nd</sup> Garth Scotford, Peter Clarke and Jamie Paterson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mark Goddard and George Bozanich
- Ladies:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bente Hansen and Wendy Harman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Carole Dickie and Betty Roberts  
3<sup>rd</sup> Elizabeth McMillen, Joanne Payne and Jane Adams

**Daytime Teams**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sheila Pryce, Gordon Brown, Stephen Thyer and Joseph Gaudet
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicolas Moniodis, Mike Klasztorny, Peter Clarke and Joe Louis
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Madge Myburgh, Wendy Harman, Bente Hansen and Carmen Jackson

**GNOT -** At the time of printing the competition has not been concluded.



*An elderly gentleman named Tony, had had a serious hearing problem for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said 'Your hearing is perfect, your family must be really pleased you can hear again.' The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!!!'*

Three old guys are out walking. First one says 'Windy isn't it? Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!' Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer!'



On that happy note, I once again come to the end of this edition of Bridging the Gap. I receive a number of emails from Madge Myburgh, one of our long standing members, and as I finish this edition I quote, in part, the most recent one. I have not included it all but felt much of it would resonate with each and every one of us..... and in parts our bridge!

*Before middle age do not fear,  
After middle age do not regret,  
Enjoy your life while you can,  
Visit places you wish to visit,  
Seize every opportunity to meet up with your friends,  
Every day you must smile and laugh.  
Life ends when you stop dreaming, Hope ends when you stop believing,  
Love ends when you stop caring and Friendship ends when you stop sharing.*

I look forward to writing the next edition of Bridging the Gap. Please continue with your participation in the magazine, and the articles you send to me. While writing, I have so many smiles along the way, and so enjoy reading of your ventures and experiences and I hope that you do too. Our Inter-Club Teams events are going well and I hope to bring you a full report in the next edition. Congratulations to all the winners listed in this edition and good luck to everyone in future competitions.

Until then, all the very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cherry', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Cherry Zamudio

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