



BRIDGING THE GAP



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Jean-Paul
Tedeschi

Hi Everyone

My first year has gone already, and here we are, we need you the members to fill positions in our new committee for 23/24 year and I would like to see the voting box that we have being used. Please consider nominating for position in the next committee, or someone else for that matter.

Any members having issues or ideas please advise our secretary for the items to be put in the agenda for the annual general meeting.

As you all maybe aware, Di van Santen and Kate Sayer have been working on the 50th anniversary of our club. If any of you members remember any anecdotes or other

interesting stories, please contact Kate or Di. They will really appreciate it.

On the subject of the anniversary please keep the 30th of September free for bridge and early dinner at the club on that day, Saturday. We wish to have a full room for bridge and a fun filled dinner afterwards. (See the invitation to members below)

I hope to see you all at the annual general meeting. It is your club and I would expect all members to be interested in the running of this club, and some major items will be disclosed on the agenda closer to the day. JP



Kalamunda District Bridge Club 50th Anniversary

Saturday 30 September 2023

All current club members are invited to celebrate with us on the day as follows:

- 12:30 - 4:30 Regular Bridge session (usual \$6 fee)
- 5:00 - 7:30 Celebration presentation of the club's history, fun, food and drinks.

RSVP to: kate@leaderconnect.com.au

Kalamunda District Bridge Club - 56 Ledger Rd, Gooseberry Hill







In the Spirit of our Club

As we approach our 50th Anniversary celebrations, we are reminded of our club's amazing journey, made possible by the generosity and commitment of our members over the years. There are 35 Bridge Clubs in Western Australia affiliated to BAWA and Kalamunda is one of a very few of these that has their own Clubhouse.

The advantages we enjoy are:

1. The freedom to schedule bridge sessions, congresses and functions on any day and at any time;
2. The opportunity to hold teaching sessions and beginners' lessons at any time and make changes when required.
3. To permanently have everything in place with all the right equipment at our fingertips;
4. To put up notice boards and organise and decorate our clubhouse as we wish;
5. To access the premises at any time as required by directors, committee members, catering committee, members assisting with maintenance items to building and garden, card dealing, organizing trophies and updating boards, etc;

The provision of a fully equipped outsider venue which is available at any time for barbeques, bridge session intervals and other functions.

Whilst taking pride in this unique position we must also recognise the responsibilities involved. Having our own premises requires upholding the building structure and associated fixtures and fittings to maintain the growth and culture of the club.

This facility is originally due to the foresight, hard work and diligence of the Club Members from the 1970s and early 1980s. Over the years members have contributed their time, expertise and their money to retain this legacy in the preservation and enhancement of the Clubhouse for the enjoyment and convenience of all members.

After 40 years of the club house construction and fitting out, we are now needing to replace the chairs in the Playing Hall and the Clubhouse itself is in desperate need of a new roof as continually fixing leaks is counter-productive. Both of these items are large capi-





ALERT

We're looking for the following:

- Copies of Bridging the Gap Newsletters from 2004 to 2018.
- Any 'historical paraphernalia' that we could display at our 50th celebration party.

Please advise if you have any of those newsletters or other objects of interest that you could lend to us for the day.

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NOTE: For our quarterly Bridging The Gap newsletters,

please send/give me any photos, current news or stories (e.g. Bridge events, holiday reports, special birthdays etc.), jokes , notices or articles to include in our next newsletter. More photos of club members in action does make for a more engaging 'read'.

As a newbie at the club, and not attending as frequently as some, I find it a challenge to find enough interesting social news.....

Please advise if you'd like your profile photo to be updated for future use!

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KALUMUNDA DISTRICT BRIDGE CLUB EVENTS AND RESULTS

24 April - 1 May 2023 - KALAMUNDA OPEN PAIRS

Much competitive fun was had by all on our home ground.

18 pairs played on the two days.

CONSOLIDATED RESULTS:

Winners:

KIT LEMANN - TOM LEMANN



Runners up:

SHEILA PRYCE - GORDON BROWN



27 May 2023 - KALAMUNDA RESTRICTED CONGRESS

This second congress was to encourage all players with **less than 300 masterpoints** to gain experience playing in a **Red Point event** with some chance of doing reasonably well.

In case you're wondering, if you do not know how many masterpoints you have then it's mostly likely that you have less than 300!

20 pairs played on the day.

RESULTS:

Winners:

SANDRA HARDIE / GUDRUN KEMMER



Runners up:

SUE MAUGER / GEOFF MAUGER



KALMUNDA DISTRICT BRIDGE CLUB EVENTS AND RESULTS (continued)

15 June 2023 - RESTRICTED PAIRS 50

This was an event for players with *up to 50 Masterpoints*

11 pairs played on the day and fun was had by all with some trepidation experienced by some novices playing in a competition for the first time!



Our trusty Director, JP, in action on the day.

RESULTS:

Winners:

ROBIN WARD - HELEN OTTOSSON



Runners up:

JUDITH POOLE—LYNNE ROBERTS



Third:

ROSS PRINGLE & JOANNE



The Australian National Championships are nearly here— 8th-20th July.

This event and the opportunity to play in it comes every eight years so let us not miss the opportunity to play in a big event.

There is something for all players of all levels.

All Congress Events have prizes for Winners, Restricted and Novice.

For those wanting to play in multiple events a book of vouchers can be obtained \$130 for 10.

Go to the BAWA Website for more information:

<http://www.bawa.asn.au/>

AROUND THE CLUB

Our members at CONGRESS STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS May 2023

Name of Event	Colour	ABF No	Name	Masterpoints
WESTERN SENIORS PAIRS	Gold	168947	Harman, Wendy	5.88
BUNBURY CONGRESS	Red	118362	Brown, Gordon	0.10
		794945	Gaudet, Joseph	0.84
		168947	Harman, Wendy	1.75
		687413	Louis, Joe	0.84
		694908	Pryce, Sheila	0.10
FREMANTLE CONGRESS	Red	250384	Daly, Gerry	4.60
GNOT STH PERTH HEAT	Gold	168947	Harman, Wendy	1.60
		237353	Hoffman, Sandra	1.60
		1109936	Pringle, Ross	1.60
UNDERCROFT MAY CONGRESS	Red	118362	Brown, Gordon	1.27
		250384	Daly, Gerry	2.75
		121126	Lemann, Tom	0.54
		694908	Pryce, Sheila	1.27
GNOT WABC HEAT	Gold	250384	Daly, Gerry	2.66

Our members - SUMMARY OF RANK PROMOTIONS May 2023

Name	Masterpoints	Previous Rank
Tieleman, Tosh	2.16	Nil
Duncan, Sherrill	5.02	Graduate
Hope, Glenys	5.53	Graduate
O'Hanlon, Rory	16.74	Club
Ottosson, Helen	15.20	Club
Malthouse, Ronnie	25.51	Local

AROUND THE CLUB

GRAND SLAMS Apr-Jun 2023		
PETER CLARKE / STEPHEN THYER	7NT W	WEDNESDAY (28-JUN-23)
BERNARD SZALKOWSKI / DAVID HARRIS	7NT E	WEDNESDAY (28-JUN-23)
JUDITH POOLE / LYNNE ROBERTS	7NT E	WEDNESDAY (28-JUN-23)
MICHAEL BARKER / JEAN PAUL TEDESCHI	7H W	WEDNESDAY (28-JUN-23)
MARY PEPPER / DAVID HARRIS	7NT N	WEDNESDAY (7-JUN-23)
SHEILA PRYCE / GORDON BROWN	7S N	WEDNESDAY (7-JUN-23)
PHANTOM / John Parric	7NT W	THURSDAY (25-MAY-23)
BARBARA BIBBY / DERICK JOHNSTON	7NT W	THURSDAY (25-MAY-23)
GLENYS HOPE / SANDRA HOFFMAN	7NT N	FRIDAY (21-APR-23)
MICHAEL PEPPER / MARY PEPPER	7NT N	FRIDAY (21-APR-23)
ALAN HARPER / JEAN PAUL TEDESCHI	7NT N	FRIDAY (21-APR-23)
GORDON BROWN / SHEILA PRYCE	7NT S	FRIDAY (21-APR-23)
JOHN SHINNICK / JIM STEEL	7NT S	FRIDAY (21-APR-23)
ALAN PUCKEY / DENISE BORGER	7NT S	FRIDAY (21-APR-23)
SHEILA PRYCE / GORDON BROWN	7H N	SATURDAY (1-APR-23)

70 Percenters Apr-Jun 2023			
TOM LEMANN	KIT LEMANN	74.30%	FRIDAY (23-JUN-23)
STEPHEN THYER	JOSEPH GAUDET	70.40%	MONDAY (19-JUN-23)
TOM LEMANN	KIT LEMANN	77.40%	SATURDAY (29-APR-23)
CARMEN JACKSON	STEPHEN THYER	74.50%	SATURDAY (8-APR-23)
CARMEN JACKSON	STEPHEN THYER	71.40%	SATURDAY (1-APR-23)
STEPHEN THYER	JOSEPH GAUDET	72.00%	MONDAY (27-MAR-23)

AROUND THE CLUB (continued)

NEW MEMBERS



The Kalamunda District Bridge Club welcomes:

Graham Cowell
Robert Gill
Mary Annette Roberts
Allan Larsen
Brian Andrijich
Kathleen Wilding

We look forward to seeing you at regular club sessions.



Birthdays coming up

July

Alan Harper
Philip Snook
Peter Clarke
Lorraine Stivey
Julie Bechelli
Michael Barker
Helen Browne-Cooper
Ronnie Malthouse
Joanne Payne
Diane Smith
Bernard Szalkowski
Sheilagh Thomas
Catherine Cabites
Graham Cowell

August

JP Tedeschi
Sandra Hoffman
Carole Dexter
Audrey Totterdell
Guy Gaudet
Carmen Jackson
Kit Lemann
Robert Williamson
Sherrill Duncan
Lydia Gronbek
Diana Moniodis
Kathleen Wilding

September

Barbara Guelfi
Mary Simmonds
Jim Steel
Sita Weggelaar
Brian Dexter
Bernadette McStravick
Mark Pezzali
Renee Wylie
Cherry Zamudio
Bente Hansen
Jennifer Pitney
Di van Santen
Anthony Robinson
Gerry Davies
George Snow

AROUND THE CLUB (continued)

Farewell to Glenys Hope

Glenys with some of our club players. Thank you, Glenys for the wonderful farewell lunch that you treated us to



G'day

I just wanted you to know that I have had fantastic experience playing bridge with you, and against you over the last nine months! I have learned so much from you all. I am going back a better player I think!

The club is so very well run and I really have had the best of times. I am certainly going to miss my Aussie bridge friendsI will be back at some stage.

Thank you all for making feel so welcome and for all your kindnesses to me. I have really appreciated this.

My contact details just in case you visit the Uk and want to call for a cup of tea:

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Kind regards Glen. X

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR MEMBERS

CURRENT DIRECTING TEAM 2023



Alan Harper



Denise Borger



Rob McMahon



Jean-Paul Tedeschi



Cora Brown



Lynne Roberts

PLEASE NOTE: Contact details for ALL Current club members, including these members of our Management Committee, and club members with other roles can be found in the *Kalamunda District Bridge Club 2023 Handbook*

After the AGM on Saturday, August 12 there may be some changes to our Management teams, so keep a lookout for details.



Anita Davis is our current Partner Coordinator as well as our Wellbeing Representative. S

Anita's the person to contact if you're looking for a partner, or if you need wellbeing greetings to be forwarded to anyone on behalf of the club



Three of the Di's in our club—be careful not to confuse them!

Di Barker, Di Smith and Di van Santen

STORIES AND ARTICLES FROM MEMBERS

Did You Know?

By the Numbers (...continued)

The most common hand shape is 4-4-3-2 (21.5%), followed by 5-3-3-2 (15.5%), 5-4-3-1 (12.9%) and 5-4-4-2 (10.6%).

It has been estimated that there are more than 100 000 bridge clubs throughout the world. The three countries that have the most registered players are USA, China and The Netherlands.

Since the year 1900 there have been between 8000 and 10 000 books published in the English language on bridge. Tim Bourke of Canberra has one of the three largest bridge book collections in the world.

The biggest bridge clubs in the world are in Stockholm, New York and Denmark.

The total number of different hands possible in bridge (taking all four hands into account) is a little over 63 followed by 10 zeroes. The algebra needed to work that out is mind-boggling. It means, of course, that you could play bridge every day of your life and never come across the same four hands. Well, that keeps it interesting!

The ABF has a membership of approximately 35,000 and there are nearly 330 affiliated clubs throughout Australia.

Thank you to Peter Daniel



Also perhaps of interest are the following ABF membership figures as at February 2021:

State and Territory bodies	Approx. no of members
NSW Bridge Association	13280
Queensland Bridge Association	7528
Victorian Bridge Association	5268
Bridge Association of Western	4257
South Australian Bridge Federation	2403
Bridge Federation of the ACT	947
Tasmanian Bridge Association	938
Northern Territory Bridge Association	152
National Total:	34,773

In addition to this the ABF has 204 registered youth players, bringing the total to 34,977.

ABF New Member's Information Kit can be found at :

https://www.abf.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/ABF_New_Members_Kit.pdf



THE GHAN TRIP

6 May to 16 May 2023

About 18 months ago we decided to complete another bucket list item. With JP & Jenny we booked a trip on the Ghan from Darwin through to Adelaide, a total of 10 days. We left the cold & rain in Perth and arrived in 30+degrees in Darwin. On Sunday we were taken by coach on an all day tour of the Lichfield National Park. During the day we visited Tolmer, Florence and Wangi Falls, all very beautiful with lush tropical surrounds. Amazing termite mounds were also on our list to see with detailed information about them from our guide.

Monday was a free day so we booked a tour of the World War II sites with a local RSL historian. This was a small group of only ten people and included a cruise on the bay which Jenny and I declined because of the rough water and wind. In the afternoon we wandered down to the foreshore markets where there were probably around 100 stalls selling all types of food and crafts.

On Tuesday we caught the Hop-On Hop-Off bus and toured Darwin's major tourist attractions such as the Museum an Art Gallery, Stokes Hill Wharf and the East Point Military Precinct.

The Ghan railway line was begun in 1877 and initially went from Port Augusta to Oodnadatta, a total of 665 kms. It was not completed until 2004 when the first train consisting of 43 carriages and more than one kilometer long left Adelaide on February 1 to journey to Darwin.

Wednesday morning saw us picked up from the hotel and taken to the Berrimah Railway Station by coach to board the Ghan. Cabins in our section (Gold) were very small with double bunks and a small ensuite bathroom. Platinum section cabins were much larger with a fold down double bed and much larger bathroom. Travellers were encouraged to spend time in the lounge c



ar and meet and chat to other passengers. The food and service in the Queen Adelaide dining car was excellent with all wines, beers and soft drinks included in the original booking price.

Three hours from Darwin the train stopped in Katherine and we enjoyed a cruise and walk in Nitmiluk Gorge with Indigenous guides explaining the importance of the surrounding area to the local Jawoyn people. Then it was back to the train where most of the travelling takes place after nightfall.

Day 2 saw us in Alice Springs and optional off board experiences were offered. We decided on the Alice Explorer which toured the Flying Doctor base, visited the Alice Springs Reptile Centre and toured the Alice Springs School of the Air. It was a most interesting day. That evening we attended an outback dinner at the historic Telegraph Station complete with a bush band and dancing.

On Day 3 the train stopped at Manguri, about 40 kms from Coober Pedy. Bus's transported those who wanted to see Coober Pedy into town but seeing as we had been there just 6 months before we stayed on the train and had a quiet day reading and sleeping.

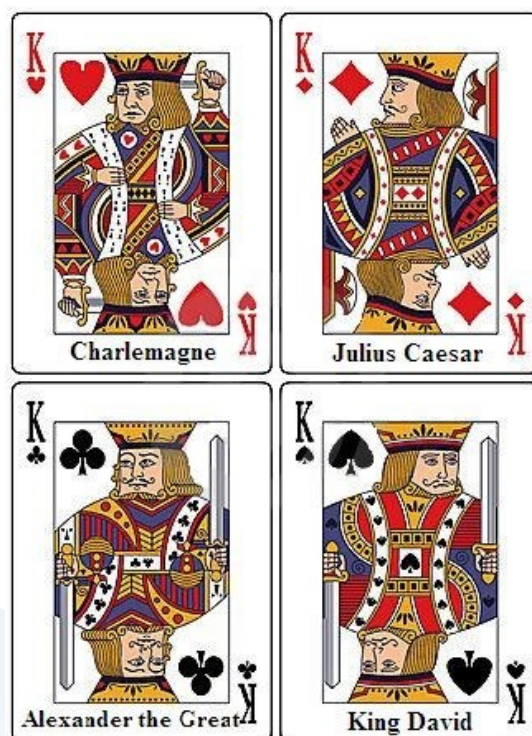
We arrived in Adelaide on the Saturday morning, checked into our hotel and went for a walk around the city centre in the afternoon. Sunday was Mother's Day and a tour to the wine areas was planned. We drove to Mt Lofty lookout and then proceeded to visit Seppeltsfield and Lambert Estate wineries. The afternoon was spent in Hahndorf browsing the shops.

On Monday we booked another tour of Adelaide with morning tea at the Beerenberg factory and another stop in Hahndorf where several purchases were made. On Tuesday we had a morning flight and so arrived home mid-afternoon.



Did you know....?

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:



CLUB NOTICES

Club Library

To keep our great club library in order, could members please :

1. Keep donating books and jigsaw puzzles.
2. Fill in the Borrowing Book and remember to return items you may have borrowed within a reasonable amount of time.



Raffles

Many thanks to those who contribute to our Raffle Baskets.

Just a friendly reminder to everyone that the raffle monies help provide your Friday wine, cheese and nibbles, Saturday BBQ's and all the meals for events during the year, so please continue to give generously.



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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

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